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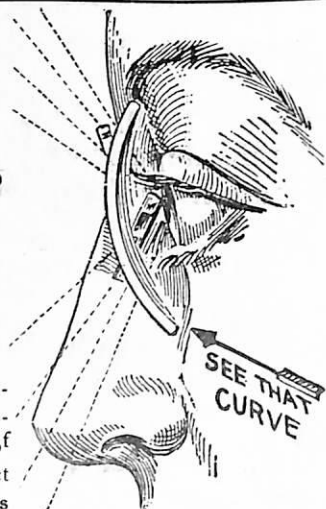
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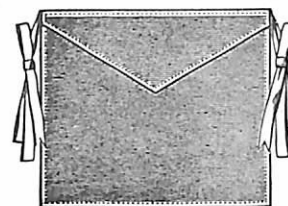
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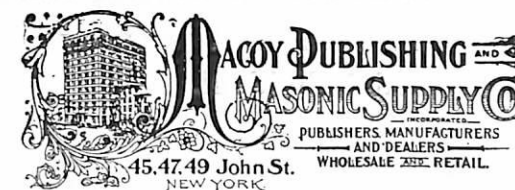
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The Iron Worker and King Solomon

We are frequently asked to explain the picture of the Iron Worker which has usually appeared on the front cover of our publication. The last request comes to us from Chile, South America.

The best explanation is given in the description furnished by the publishers, The Macoy Publishing Co. of New York, which we take the liberty of using. Our illustration shows a part only of the great picture. The whole must be seen to be appreciated.

The incident which this noble picture illustrates, although not as familiarly known as many others connected with the great Temple and the craftsmen employed in its construction, yet rests on records as authentic and reliable as most of those which we receive and accept as established history of times so remote.

The picture is designed to glorify work, but more particularly work in iron to which are due all the varied triumphs of modern civilization, and the subjugation of the earth. The printer claims that "printing is the art preservative of all arts," but still the first place must be yielded to him who labors in iron, for his is the art that renders all other arts possible. Without iron fashioned into tools, the race must have remained semi-barbarous, or merely pastoral, and the art of printing, itself, unknown. All honor, then, we exclaim with King Solomon, to Tubal Cain and his successors!

The scene is laid in the inner court of the Temple, surrounded by massive architecture, the lofty columns supporting an entablature of a grand and unique character. The golden chair of Solomon, covered with elaborate ornamentation, interwoven among which appear those familiar to the craft, stands in the east between the two famous beautiful pillars of bronze, and beside it on the right the seat of honor to be awarded to that craftsman whose work shall be pronounced of most value in the erection of the building.

Prominently conspicuous appear the two personages who impart the title to the work, the noble figure of the King occupying the centre, who by an action at once dignified and imperative, imposes silence on the assembly, that the object of their animosity may be heard in his own defense. The stalwart Smith sits firm and undaunted in the chair of honor he has usurped, a masterpiece of Professor Schussele's artistic skill, reminding one of the lines applied to Boabdil,

"E'en Saul, of years gone by, sat not more broad and high than did this Moor.

Nor, seated on his throne did Judah's favor'd one become it more."

The hostile feeling excited by the Iron Worker is expressed in the threatening gestures of the group of soldiers on the left of the picture, while his wife and child on the opposite side, are seen to be terror-stricken,

in dread of the possible consequences of his temerity, but sustained and comforted by a sympathizing friend. Separated from the monarch by the sceptered High Priest,—who shrinks, rebuked—stands a representative group of the artificers whose skilled labors reared and embellished the gorgeous pile, the working tools in their hands indicating the branch of the industry to which they each severally belonged. We recognize the joiner by his twenty-four inch gauge, the stone setter by his trowel, the worker in precious metals by his silver statuette, the architects' superintendent by his chart and ground-plan drawing, while he who pays the craft their wages may be singled out by his unmistakable money bag,—the purse-strings drawn close. The varied forms of this group are reflected in a gleaming uncertain way from the polished surface of the inlaid marbles of the pavement.

Vast multitudes are seen entering the court through one of the distant porticos and approaching the foreground in ranks, to the sound of music. Sacrificial altars smoke, and incense bearers, and officials in the throng crowned with flowers, add to the jubilant character of the scene. Under a silken canopy suspended by means of garland fastenings to the two celebrated pillars on either hand, stands the splendidly enriched golden chair of Solomon, elevated on a dais, the fruit on the carved palm, and the eyeballs of the symbolic animals, being formed of blazing gems, while conspicuous among the ornamentation appears in relief the figure commonly known as the seal of Solomon, and by the free and accepted by another name.

On the right of Solomon's royal chair is the seat of honor provided as an award to the **most** worthy of all those who had wrought in building the house of the Lord, when that preference should have been decided. But it has been prematurely occupied by the Iron Worker, on whose usurpation

the whole story turns. And as this story is best told in the words of the original authentic record, we furnish herewith a translation from the Rabbinical writing.

A Rabbinical Legend.

And it came to pass, when Solomon, the son of David, had finished the Temple of Jerusalem, that he prepared a feast for his chief craftsmen and artificers and spread the tables with the fatness of the land, and with the wine and oil thereof.

And the seat of the king was at the head of the table on a raised dais, and the two famous pillars of bronze with their beautiful capitals of lilies, pomegranates and delicate network, stood, one on his right hand and the other on his left, and the lintel thereof was as a canopy over the head of the king.

And Solomon had also prepared a seat of honor, and set it on his right hand, ready for that craftsman who might be pronounced most worthy among all who wrought in building the house of the Lord.

And when all was ready, he called unto him his chief architects and master-overseers, and the head-artificers who were cunning workers in gold and silver, in bronze and ivory, and in wood and stone, yea all who had labored in building the Temple of the Most High and he said unto them:

"Sit ye down at my table and partake of the feast which I have prepared. Stretch forth your hands, eat, drink and be merry. The skilled artificer is worthy of honor. Is not the laborer worthy of his hire? Muzzle not the ox that treadeth out the corn upon the threshing-floor."

And when Solomon and his guests were seated, there came one who knocked loudly upon the door, and having entered forcibly advanced even to the festal board. And the king waxed wroth, and said, "What manner of man art thou? Why comest thou thus rudely and unseemly and unbidden to our feast, where none are

invited save the chief workers of the Temple?"

And the man answered and said, "Please you, I came rudely, because the servants at the portal barred my entrance, and obliged me to force my way, but I came not unbidden. Was it not proclaimed that this day the chief workmen of the Temple dine with the king? Therefore am I come."

And when the man had thus spoken, the guests talked with each other, and he who carved the cherubim spake aloud and said, "This fellow is no sculptor. I know him not."

And he who inlaid the roof with pure gold said, "Neither is he of those who work in refined metals." And he who wrought in raising the walls said, "He belongs not with those who are cutters of stone."

And one who labored in shaping the timbers for the roof said, "We who are cunning in cedar wood, and know the mystery of joining strange timbers together, know him not. He is not of us."

Then said King Solomon, "How sayest thou now? Wherefore should I not have thee plucked by the beard, scourged with a scourge, and stoned with stones, even unto death?"

But the man was nowise daunted, and taking up a cup of wine from the table, raised it high and spake aloud, saying, "O king! live for ever!" he then drank long until the cup was emptied.

He now turned to the guests who had rebuked him, and said unto the chief of the carvers in stone, "Who made the instruments with which you carve?"

And he answered, "The Blacksmith."

And to the chief of the workers in wood he said, "Who made the tools with which you felled the cedars of Lebanon, and shaped them into pillars and the roof for the Temple?"

And he also answered, "The Blacksmith."

Then he spake unto the artificer in gold and ivory and precious stones, saying, "Who fashioned the instruments with which you make beautiful ornaments for my lord the king?"

And he too made answer the same, "The Blacksmith."

Then said the man to Solomon, "Behold, O king! I am he whom, when men deride, they call Blacksmith, but when they would honor me they call me Son of the Forge. These craftsmen say truly that I am not of them. I am their superior. Without **my** labor first, **their** labor could not be. The great Tubal Cain, whom all men honor, taught those who in turn taught me my handicraft, and the mighty Vulcan, who wrought in fire and smoke and sweat as I do, it was not deemed unmeet, should have even the Queen of Beauty to wife."

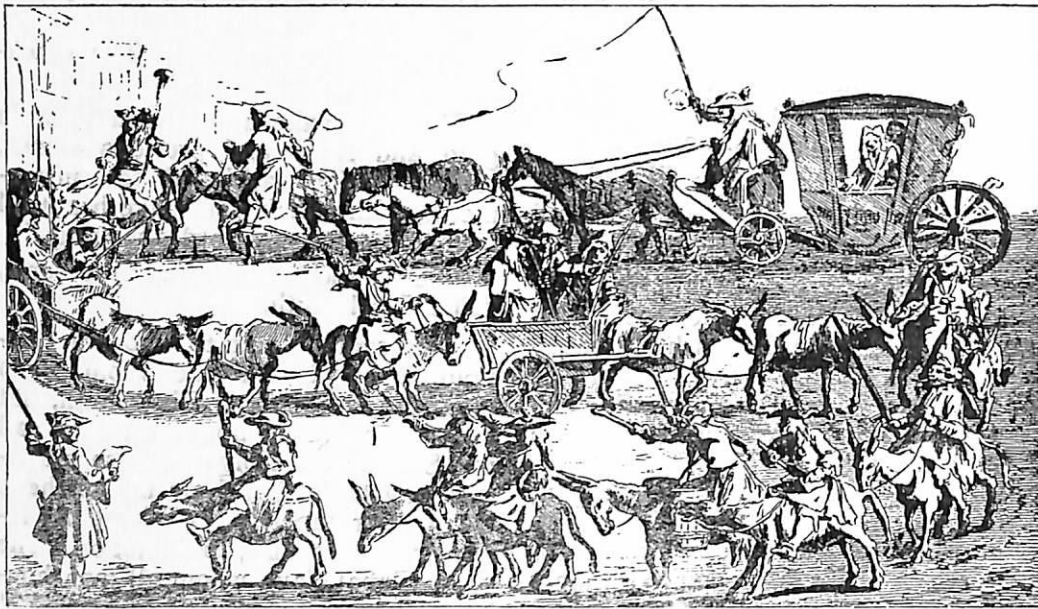
"Son of the Forge," said Solomon, "I too honor thee, thou worthy successor of the great master Tubal Cain. Take thou this seat at my right hand prepared for the **most** worthy. It is thy due."

Thus it came to pass at the feast of Solomon, king of Israel, and from that time forth the smiths were held in high esteem, and greatly increased and multiplied in all lands.



Mock Masonry in the Eighteenth Century

By W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL. D., Grand Treasurer, Ireland



Mock Masonry Procession

(The paper of Dr. Crawley, of which we use only enough to explain the accompanying illustration, is found in the transactions of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, our selection is taken from a pamphlet which the author has kindly placed in our hands.)

THE generation that surrounded the cradle of the Grand Lodge of England was robust and strenuous. It could not well be otherwise, for it had emerged from the Revolution into the din and strife of Marlborough's Wars, and it was cloven asunder by Jacobite and Tory feuds. In fact, the marvellous success of Freemasonry under the Grand Lodge system was due as much to its promise of peace and quietness as to anything else.

To please such a generation, jokes had to be practical, and humor had to be farcical. The new-born Freemasonry could not expect to escape the jeers of the humorists, who, in their turn,

had to lay hold of some external feature, if they hoped to earn the plaudits of their coarse little world. Such a feature was to be found in the out-of-doors processions in which Grand Lodge displayed itself, accoutred with emblems that were caviare to the general.

In the infant days of the Grand Lodge there was neither occasion nor place for public procession. The Grand Lodge, with its subsequent Assembly and Feast, did not overtax the ordinary accommodation of a London Tavern. But the Grand Mastership of the Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers, LL.D., F.R.S., then the pink of fashionable science, was marked by the initiation of "some Noblemen," and the election of "the most noble Prince. John. Duke of Montagu," brought in such an accession of Brethren that the limits of a City Hostelry could no longer suffice. Accordingly, one of the City Halls, Stationers-Hall,

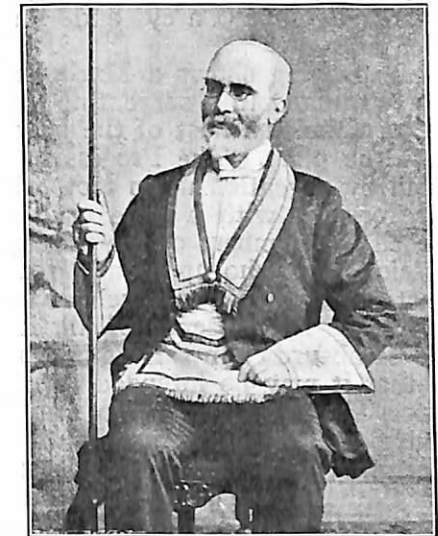
was secured for the Assembly and Feast of St. John's Day in Summer 1721. The Grand Lodge met in the morning at the King's Arms Tavern, St. Paul's Churchyard; "And from thence they marched on Foot to the Hall in proper Clothing and due Form; where they were joyfully receiv'd by about 150 true and faithful, all clothed." In 1723, this Foot procession was improved into a carriage parade by the turbulent Duke of Wharton, who "came attended by some eminent Brothers in their Coaches." The following year, 1724, saw a further aggrandizement of the procession to Taylor's-Hall, where the Feast was held. In Dr. Anderson's quaint words, "Dalkeith Grand Master with his Deputy and Wardens waited on Brother Richmond in the morning at Whitehall, with many Brothers duly clothed, proceeded in Coaches from the West to the East."

The practice of holding public processions was in vogue at the same time in Ireland. On St. John's Day in Summer, 1725, the Freemasons of Dublin, "putting on their Aprons, White Gloves, and other parts of the Distinguishing Dress of that Worshipful Order, proceeded . . . to the King's Inn . . . in Hackney Coaches (it being a very Rainy Day)." It must be remembered that, on that day, 24th June, 1725, there was no Grand Lodges in the world, other than those of England and Ireland. The Grand Lodges of York and Scotland had not yet come into existence.

In London, for a year or two after the Earl of Dalkeith's Grand Mastership, the public procession of Freemasons seems to have fallen into abeyance till the custom was revived for Lord Kingston, in 1728. His Lordship, who may be fairly called the International Grand Master, is reported to have crossed from Dublin to Holyhead, and ridden post to London, in two days and a half to attend Grand Lodge. Under Lord Kingston's patronage, the public cavalcade, or "Procession of March," as it is styled in

the Book of Constitutions, became more imposing, and the subsequent proceedings extorted from Dr. Anderson the ecstatic ejaculation, "Adjourned to Dinner, a Grand Feast indeed."

The Procession of March continued for nearly twenty years longer to form the most conspicuous outside function of the Freemasons. The promiscuous display of Masonic symbols and in-



W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL. D.

signia invited caricature, and the discontinuance of the cavalcade after 1745 was partly due, no doubt, to the travesties which form the subject of this article.

Thus it came about, very literally, that the manner in which the man in the street caught sight of Freemasonry was in the Annual Procession through the City. If Freemasonry was to be ridiculed in a way the groundlings could understand, here was the way.

The Earliest organized attempt to ridicule what must have seemed to outsiders the unmeaning ornature of the Procession of March, is commemorated by the satirical print, entitled Mock Masonry or the Grand Procession, dated 1741. This very scarce print, as will be seen from the photo-

graphic reproduction, consists of two distinct parts; a copperplate engraving, and a set of eight doggrel triplets. (In our reprint the triplets are not photographed, but are set in type.) The broad sheet is authenticated, in accordance with the Act of Parliament, by the publisher's name, and the date of publication. Beneath all is a line of Dedication, or Inscription, to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, followed by the transparently disguised signatures of Esquire Carey and Paul Whitehead.

The engraving shows a Mock Procession arranged in a serpentine line, so as to make the most of the superficies of the plate. The Procession is directed by a gentleman on foot, who points forward with a cane such as was used by members of the Medical Profession, and who apparently reads instructions from a paper held in his right hand. The absence of all burlesque or absurdity in this figure suggests that it may be intended for the Director, Esquire Carey, who was of the Surgical Profession, and who, to all seeming, was the only Director that could have been present, inasmuch as the other was reputed to be in hiding for the time being, to avoid prosecution at the bar of the House of Lords. Then come the mummerys, led by a ragged and pinched man, carrying a huge club, which contrasts sadly with the bony outlines of the donkey he bestrides. The next group consists of two other donkey-riders, blowing cow's horns with a ludicrous parody of trumpeters sounding a fanfare. These are followed by a rider whose donkey is caparisoned with two butter-tubs, after the manner of kettle-drums, which he is zealously belabouring with marrow-bones, while his comrade vies with his braying ass in assaulting the bystanders' ears with the uncouth rattle of a salt-box and stirabout stick. Next comes a figure which has a smack of personal caricature about it, and which we shall be able to identify from other sources as

intended for the actual Grand Tyler of the day. He is of long and lanky figure, his toes reaching to the ground on either side of his raw-boned donkey; he is decorated with a fool's cap, and brandishes an evidently wooden sword. Either the skill or the unskilfulness of the engraver has adorned him with a moustache, but it is hard to say whether the appendage is due to an accidental use of the graver or otherwise. The caricature of the Grand Tyler is followed by a tandem team of three donkeys, on the first of which is mounted a rider, short in leg, and armed with a truncheon. The three donkeys are harnessed to a cart containing three men holding wands, of whom one is decorated with a Masonic emblem. A similar team and cart succeed, with a postilion similarly decorated and three occupants of the cart holding wands; after whom comes a solitary rider, wearing a jewel of office, mounted on a nondescript beast, and brandishing a turnspit. Lastly comes a coach, drawn by six jades, on one of which is a postilion. The coachman smokes a pipe, and energetically flourishes his whip, while within the coach sits two passengers, looking out of the window. The nearer of the two is presumably intended for the Grand Master, as a square hangs suspended by a ribbon from his neck.

The coarse pictorial humors of the engraving are thickened rather than heightened by the ballad of eight triplets appended by way of commentary or explanation.

I

Pray vat be dis Show we gaze on?
O 'tis the Flower of all the Nation,
De Cavalcade of de Free Mason.

Doodle, doodle, do.

II

And who be dose who stride Jack
Ass-a,
And blow de Cow-Horns as dey pass-a?
Dat Secret I no guess-alas-a.

Doodle, etc.

III

Who be dose who next 'em come-a,
With Butter-Tubs, for Kettle-Drum-a?
O dat's a Mystery too Sirs—mum-a.

Doodle, etc.

IV

Who's he with Cap and Sword so
stern-a?
Modest Montgomery of Hibern-a,
Who guard de Lodge, and de Key who
turn-a.

Doodle, etc.

V

Vats he with Truncheon leads the
Van-a
By gar one portly proper Man-a.
Dat's Jone's who marshals all de
Train-a.

Doodle, etc.

VI

Who dose who ride in Cart and Six-a,
With such brave Nicknax round de
Necks-a?

Dey be de Stewards de Feast who
fix-a.

Doodle, etc.

VII

But who be dose who next approach-a?
Lord vat fine Horses draw de Coach-a!
O! de Grand Masters I dare vouch-a.

Doodle, etc.

VIII

Now C-r-y, Wh-t-h-ad, me intend-a
For, Thanks dis sage Advice to lend-a?
Ne'er break your Jest to loose your
Friend-a.

Doodle, etc.

The extraordinary jargon in which the lines are couched is meant to represent an Irish brogue. It is modelled on the famous song of *Lillibullero-bullen-a-lah*, wherewith Thomas Wharton boasted he had "sung King James out of the three Kingdoms."

Very little notice of *Mock Masonry* has been taken by the historians of art and letters, and still less by the historians of Freemasonry, who seem to have ignored it altogether. On the one hand, the travesty of a procession was supposed to be an episode in a supposititious rivalry between the misty Society of the Gormogons and the Fraternity of Freemasons: on the other, the meager merits of the caricature were eclipsed by the more artistic satire of the elaborate engravings by Geo. Bicham and Antoine Benoist.

(The productions of the two artists named are reproduced in Dr. Crawley's article, which, with the accompanying text, require space beyond the Limits of our journal, we therefore reluctantly leave the subject and conclude with use of the author's final paragraph, which expresses his opinion of Masonic processions.)

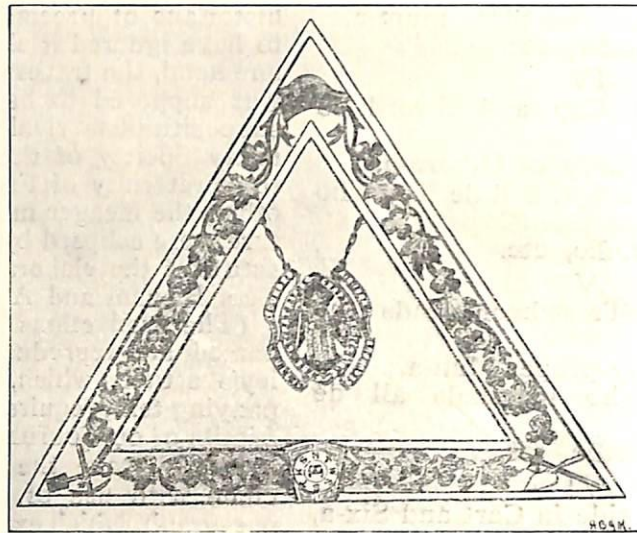
Public Processions form no part of the Ritual of Freemasonry. At least, they can only be described as functions conducted by Freemasons under the sanction of the Craft. Strictly speaking, the Ceremonies of Freemasonry are confined to the Lodge-room but the Lodge-room has an external wall, and Freemasonry has an external side. It would be held absurd to deny the outer wall the architectural embellishment, which formed the glory of our Operative forefathers. Similarly, it would be absurd to proscribe the use of all Masonic adjuncts in our legitimate external functions. The danger is that symbols, which have meaning for the initiated, may be mistaken by outsiders for the gewgaws of personal vanity. The mummery of the Scald-Miserables was engendered by the Procession of March.

KNIGHT

And though that he was worthy; he was wys,
And of his porte as meke as is a mayde.
He never yit no vileinye ne sayd
In all his lyf, unto no maner wight.
He was a verray perfight, gentil knight.

—Chaucer.

The Traveling Triangle



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THE Traveling Triangle, which has been attracting considerable attention, as it has been received in various Royal Arch Chapters of Canada and the United States, has reached Boston, and is now in the custody of St. Paul's R. A. Chapter. Its reception was the occasion of a brilliant and cordial international Masonic jubilee. In anticipation of the event generous preparations had been made by St. Paul's Chapter, and a large number of the members were on hand to enjoy the exercises.

The Triangle was brought to Boston by a delegation of companions from Carnarvon Chapter of Montreal. The delegation was under the lead of Peter W. A. Burket, principal Z. or high priest as the official is called in the United States. With him came other members of Carnarvon Chapter, and representatives of other Canadian Chapters, making a party of twenty-five companions. The reception took place in Masonic Temple at the regular convocation of St. Paul's Chapter, Tuesday, April 18th. The chapter was opened at 4 o'clock. Most Excel-

lent Charles Dana Burrage, grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, was formally received at 7.30 o'clock. He was accompanied by Rt. Ex. Jesse E. Ames, deputy grand high priest; Rt. Ex. John M. Cochran, grand king; Most Ex. J. Gilman Waite, grand secretary; Rt. Ex. Eugene A. Holton, grand treasurer; Most Ill. Everett C. Benton, grand master of Royal and Select Masters; Rt. Ex. James S. Blake, district deputy grand high priest, and many other distinguished representatives of the capitular rite.

The Canadian visitors were introduced by Right Excellent James S. Blake, chairman of the committee of escort. The reception of the visitors was most cordial, as they lined up in front of the altar their eyes were greeted by the sight of the union jack with the stars and stripes in the east. Organist Gerrish played "God Save the King," and this aroused a storm of cheers.

High Priest Kavanagh welcomed the visitors in the name of St. Paul's Chapter, and the capitular Masons of Massachusetts. He hoped that before their



Peter W. A. Burket

guests departed they would have evidence of the love and respect that St. Paul's held for them. In behalf of 1400 members of the chapter he gave the greeting.

First Principal Burket of Carnarvon Chapter advanced to the east, and the picture seemed complete as he and High Priest Kavanagh clasped hands.

The response by the head of Carnarvon Chapter indicated how deep an impression had been made upon the visitors by the reception. He expressed their kind and fraternal thanks for the courtesies since they had been in Boston, and the truly American welcome in the chapter. The unique way in which High Priest Kavanagh closed his remarks touched his heart. He trusted that the occasion would knit them forever in the bonds of Masonry, that there would be a closer union between the two countries, and that the imaginary line between them would disappear. This utterance brought many to their feet, and the applause was deafening.

The purpose of the visit, said the speaker, was to present the traveling triangle, and he related its history, how it originated in St. Patrick's Chapter of Toronto, and after many transfers

at last reached Carnarvon. He now deposited it with St. Paul's, and hoped that it would prove as great a joy here as with those who had been its custodians.

"We accept the sacred trust in the spirit with which you brought the emblem to us," said High Priest Kavanagh. "We will guard it zealously, see that it is not tarnished, and speed it on its journey. We hope that it will cement in one universal bond the capitular rite in the universal world."

Grand High Priest Burrage, on behalf of 22,000 Royal Arch Masons in the state, extended a hearty welcome—warm, ardent and sincere—to the companions from the dominion who had brought the beautiful emblem of the fraternity to Boston. He entered into an elaborate description of the triangle as a symbol of deity, and said that all felt grateful that the largest chapter in the state had been selected as the custodian of the precious article that had been brought here.

Very Excellent Alexander B. J. Moore, PG steward of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, a member of Carnarvon, said that at its semi-centennial recently it had procured jewels in



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commemoration of the event and in honor of this notable occasion he desired High Priest Kavanagh to accept one. It would be the first to go out of the ranks of the chapter, and in bestowing the gift he trusted it "would ever cement the unity of feeling and the spirit born this night."

High Priest Kavanagh accepted the gift with gratitude, and knew that every one of St. Paul's felt as he did.

There was a banquet at which 500 were seated. Speeches were made by the presiding officers of St. Paul's and Carnarvon Chapters; Grand High Priest Burrage; Most Excellent Isaac H. Stearns; Most Excellent John B. Tressider and Rt. Excellent Duncan A. Young of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Quebec and Past Grand High Priest Samuel F. Hubbard of Boston.

The banquet hall was handsomely decorated. Over the seats occupied by High Priest Kavanagh, Grand High Priest Burrage and First Principal Burket was a curtain of flags of the two countries, and on the opposite wall was an illuminated triangle between similar flags. The famed triangle was suspended above a bed of roses at the head table.

Appropriate music was rendered.

Attention to the Canadian brethren was otherwise shown. During the forenoon the Council of St. Paul's

Chapter had them in charge, and during the afternoon they attended the theatre party of Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

The visiting party included:

Carnarvon Chapter of Montreal—Very Excellent Peter W. A. Burket, principal Z, Ex. Edward C. Bentley, J. D. Bascom Atkinson, William T. Mason, D. W. Fraser, C. P. Potter, C. S. Flint, C. R. Young, W. T. Wiley, J. T. Gladstone and Winthrop Alexander.

Montreal Chapter—A. A. Bittues, G. Archibald Forbes and C. J. Charboneau.

Mt. Horeb of Montreal—Ex. M. Albert past PZ, and F. J. Knowlton.

The St. Patrick of Toronto—Ex. W. S. Milne past PZ.

Shekinah of Toronto—Frank Hartney.

Ancient of New York—William F. Mason, RAC and Edward F. Rolfe, treasurer.

Royal Albert of Montreal—W. M. Hall.

Past grand officers of grand R. A. C. of Quebec—Most Excellent Isaac H. Stearns and John B. Tressider PGPZ. Right Excellent R. S. Kinghorn and Charles P. O'Connor PG supt, Right Excellent Duncan A. Young PGPS, and Very Excellent Alexander B. J. Moore PG steward.

THE CALL

(Boston Transcript)

I hear the wild-sweet notes at play
Where summer's dreamful muses throng;
It vibrates in the cricket's chant,
And in the storm-king's trumpet-song.
Down by the sea I heard the call
Above the bellbuoy's solemn clang,
And high above the whitened cliffs
The lifting music rang and rang.
Last night when every star was hushed,
The holy voice of Silence said,
"Go lay your ear close to the ground,
Where in the dumbness sleep the dead,
"And thou shalt hear the quickening call—
A flower-like spirit born to rove—
From mound to mound, from heart to heart"—
"Eternal Love, Eternal Love." —Herbert Randall.

Easter Sermon of Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D.

April 16, 1911.

Delivered in the Church of the Redeemer, Chelsea, Mass., before Palestine Commandery K. T. of Chelsea and Boston Commandery.



The Ascension

SPECIALLY significant to every Templar is this day which commemorates the resurrection of Him whom we designate as the Great Captain of our Salvation.

On Easter Sunday we are lead to meditate not only upon His life and death, but also upon all the fruits of civilization and the progress of all institutions and influences that have come from the manger at Bethlehem and the cross of Calvary. Every branch of Masonry, as I apprehend it, sprang out of man's religious nature.

Ours is more than a social or fra-

ternal organization—it has its roots in our sense of dependence upon the Almighty, and our consecration of a something within us which reaches out toward the author of our being. Far back amid the dim mists of antiquity, humanity struggling with the problems of birth, experience and destiny, learned to postulate a God behind all that is or has been, and in his name our race has built innumerable altars, and offered strangely varying sacrifices. Two of these among the many, are to me, the most worthy and attractive. First and foremost that of

the Christian Church, and next in importance that of Freemasonry, and I think I shall not have to urge upon you who are present to-day that the crown of Masonry is found in the Commandery. As the law was as a school-master to bring men to the gospel, so is the Blue lodge to the orders of the Red cross and the Temple. Moses and his teachings were worthy and helpful to man, but that structure of Solomon on Mt. Moriah was but the forerunner of one grander; ours in which the disciples of the Christ should be assembled. The ideal and the motive to service which are afforded by Christianity are the highest the world has known and these are ours when we assemble as Templars—when we swear allegiance unto Him and His cause—when we follow Him through His struggles and betrayal and crucifixion to His glorious ascension. Specially fitting is it therefore that we keep sacred this Easter day and meet in this house dedicated to Christian worship and bearing the name of the Redeemer.

To him who has endured the trials and passed through the ceremonies of our order—who in our asylum has been taught of the pilgrimage of life and the continual warfare with the lying deceptions and vanities of this world in which it is necessary for him always to be engaged—and who in penance has learned faith and humility from Him who was crucified and rose from the grave, there is no season so rich in suggestiveness as that holy week which culminates in this glorious day when all the world is turning to the risen Saviour—the conqueror of death and the tomb. They who are the descendants of that valiant band who delivered the Holy Sepulchre from the hands of the Saracens, must, and do appreciate the Easter time—the noble anthems—the decorations—the hosts who assemble—the spirit and purpose of the hour. Those who behold in Templar Masonry only its uniforms and banners and its semi-military character, neither appreciate nor un-

derstand that for which it is organized and furthered.

No review of Christianity would be complete that did not make recognition of knighthood. Among the influences which have helped to mould this Western civilization of ours, there is none more interesting, none more vital, than that spirit of chivalry which has animated poetry and art and added the touch of romance and heraldry to the dry record of ecclesiastical councils. Within the breasts of Templars, ancient and modern, has originated full many a purpose and work which has broadened the sympathies and deepened the faith of humanity—and though we trace the roots of our order into the most distant past, the greatness and glory of our every asylum to-day is the reflected word and aspiration of the immaculate Jesus who died that you might live.

It was to me a strange fact that an organization like ours should have grown out of the unpromising soil of the middle ages—and yet not so strange—for the Eternal God is not lacking in means for the achievement of his kingdom, and when he needs an instrument for the furthering of His will, He knows where to find it and how to set it in motion.

I sometimes wonder at the fanaticism and superstition which carried so many thousands and millions to Palestine in the 11th and 12th centuries. I can appreciate the feeling that God is in special places, and in those times when it was thought that the world was hurrying to an end, I can see how the multitudes sought out the most sacred spots and made pilgrimages thereto. It was most natural that Jerusalem should be reckoned especially among such shrines, and the sepulchre of our Lord be deeply venerated. The character of the age was such as to beget a deep regard for those who had trodden the ways of the Holy City—the sacred soil where the feet of the Christ had left their imprint, and it was natural to confer mystical honor upon those who re-

turned with the story of the pilgrimage; and when the Turks captured Jerusalem and profaned its Temple and slaughtered the devotees, I can appreciate the quick sympathy of all Europe and the desire to right the wrong—and when the time was ripe such a leader as Peter the Hermit was mighty in rousing the multitudes to action—and when Urban 2d the reigning Pope, proclaimed at Clermont, "The truce of God" and dedicated the people as Red Cross Knights the die was cast and the forces of the West were hurled upon the infidels—Go, said the representative of St. Peter, It is the will of God, it is the counsel of heaven. Be ye soldiers of the cross and wear upon your breast and arms the blood red sign of Him who died for the salvation of your souls—they who perish shall enter at once the mansions above and the living shall pay their vows before the redeemed sepulchre of our Lord and Master. . . . I need not enter into the details regarding the story of the Crusades, but I call your attention to the fact that no nation as such took part in that strange enterprise. . . . The movement came from individual adventurers and from the lands between the Pyrenees and the river Scheldt. (The speaker next mentioned the principal persons who, as leaders, were engaged in the wars of the Crusades, naming as, first of all, Godfrey of Boullien and his brothers Baldwin and Eustace, then Hugh the great, and others, who, after prolonged efforts and suffering finally captured Jerusalem.) The victory was won, but at a terrible cost. And were there any benefits that accrued from this expenditure of human life, and the sufferings which had been endured? Indeed there were, it would be impossible for me to adequately portray the influence of those gallant knights of old from whom we derived the stimulus which has given us the Templarism of today. What they did for Western Europe and for the world can never be told. They made way for marvellous ad-

vance of humanity, but perhaps to us the most interesting issue of the Crusade was the establishment of the Orders of Templar, Knights Hospitalier and Order of St. John.

In 1118, at Jerusalem, Hugh de Payens and Godfrey of St. Omer, with other valiant knights, founded the order which we represent today. Their mission was to protect the pilgrims and defend the holy sepulchre. They were called "Poor fellow soldiers of Jesus Christ, and Poor Soldiers of the Temple," this became abbreviated to Knights Templars. It was strictly a religious order, and its members were required to be exemplary in character. They wore white mantles with a red cross on the left breast, their banners were white and black, their motto was Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.

Before the middle of the 12th century they were established in all Latin Christendom. They accumulated wealth, were revered everywhere, but after a long and worthy course they were suppressed in 1312. They were charged with atheism, their property was confiscated by the Knights of St. John, which body continued until 1792, when it in turn was abolished.

In course of that evolution, ever at work in the world, out of the loins of those men of consecrated but misdirected zeal have come the Templars of today. Ours, too, is the sign of the cross, and by that sign we are vowed to labor and to conquer. We are founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. We are Red Cross Knights of Truth, Templars to defend the holy city of integrity—Knights of St. John, given to charity and hospitality. . . . We are sworn to be true to those around us, to the God above us and to our better and nobler selves. . . . The death and resurrection and ascension of the Christ are the most vital elements of our ritual, and we are therefore in closest accord with the Easter services and the teaching that

we shall soar to realms of endless bliss and beyond the power of change shall live forever. . . . Our confidence in the risen Christ is the key that unlocks the doors to the many mansions of our Father's house in heaven, and makes visible to us the hosts of those whom we have called dead, but who wait us in the Celestial asylum where we shall all be gathered in God's good time. May this hour then not have been spent in vain. May it more firmly cement us in Knightly friend-

ship. May it waken a deeper appreciation of the principles we profess. May it send us forth newly consecrated to all that is Christian. May it help to make us victors in the fight of life, and when our warfare on earth is over, may it be granted us to rightly answer the warden's challenge at the gate of heaven, and to be seated with the princes and rulers in the courts of the Father above. Sir Knights farewell, may the God of our fathers protect you and speed you on your way.

William Milo Olin

Col. William Milo Olin, secretary of state, a prominent Grand Army member and a well known Mason, died at his home, Roxbury, Mass., Saturday, April 15th. His funeral was on Tuesday following and was conducted by his life long friend, Rev. Edward A. Horton, who paid an eloquent and loving tribute to the memory of Col. Olin, saying in part:

"To us this morning William M. Olin is not dead. We are thinking of the man so graciously represented by the truth and faithfulness.

"Some of us are wont to mention among his first traits his joyfulness. That good nature, that humor, that robust cheerfulness, not created for effect, was not alone on the surface, and so customary was it that many of us could not penetrate through it to see the burdens and troubles of his heart. He did not wish to burden others. He did not rate things by their worldly label. He understood human nature through and through, he looked for friends and associates in every direction. Today we who are mourning his departure are but rejoicing in the heritage.

"His was a desire to deal justly and honestly with all men. He manifested a more loyal and sympathetic comradeship to the Grand Army than any man I know of. Character he had, convictions he had and they were ever with him as he stood with his hand on the rudder, steering straight for some distant goal. Character that cannot crumble, character that he built solidly, those were his traits.

"What happy hours we have had together, how we have listened to his songs and stories, stories of patriotism, faith in humanity, faith in God. These were the ideals of the man."

When the eulogy had been finished the quartet sang "The Lord's Prayer," after which a fervent prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Horton.

The Grand Army services followed.

The body was afterwards borne to the State House and placed in the Hall of Flags. Banked with floral tributes from friends and organizations with which he was connected he rested in the most appropriate place near the flag which he loyally served and honored.

A Sketch of the Constantinian Orders of Knighthood

George A. Warville

The greater part of the Masonic Fraternity are unacquainted with the Constantinian Orders of Knighthood, nevertheless the traditions and history have been so attractively written by the distinguished brother whose name stands at the head of this article that we take pleasure in giving it to our readers with the consent of the author. —Editor.

O correct, in some measure, the erroneous opinions concerning the Constantinian Orders of Knighthood, which, mainly through lack of proper information, seem to have gained currency, the Grand Imperial Council of the Order has caused to be published for the information of the Craft within its jurisdiction, the following summary of the history, purposes and organization of these exalted degrees of Freemasonry.

They are the most ancient of all the chivalric orders and degrees, and, unlike all of the other great ecclesiastical-military organizations which sprang into existence or were first brought to public notice during the crusades, have a legendary history extending back to the early days of the Christian era. As all orders and degrees in Freemasonry are more or less based on legends, the truth of which cannot be demonstrated, so it is not pretended that the Constantinian Orders rest upon any stronger or more reliable foundation; yet it is certain that they have existed for many years and find mention in Masonic nomenclature as early as 1736. From our ancient traditions we learn that the Order of the Red Cross was founded by Constantine the Great, October 28, A. D. 313, as a memorial of the divine miracle which effected his conversion to the Christian faith, and also as a reward for the valor of certain of his soldiers. It is related

that on the day previous to his ever memorable battle with Maxentius, as Constantine was seated at his tent door reflecting upon the dangers of the approaching expedition and sensible of his own incapacity to succeed without divine assistance, he offered up a prayer for divine inspiration and wisdom to choose the right path to be pursued. As he turned his face toward the setting sun there suddenly appeared in the heavens a pillar of light in the shape of a cross, surmounted with the inscription, "In hoc signo vinces"—in this sign conquer. So extraordinary an appearance created the utmost astonishment in the mind of the Emperor and his whole army. The Pagans deemed it a most inauspicious omen, but Constantine, being reassured by the visions of the night, on the morrow made a public avowal of his faith in the God of the Christians. He caused a royal standard to be constructed in imitation of the luminous cross which he had seen in his vision, and commanded it to be carried before him as an ensign of victory and divine protection, while the consecrated emblem was conspicuously displayed upon his own person and that of his soldiers. After the memorable battle, which was fought at Saxa Rubra, a small village about nine miles from Rome, the Emperor sent for the chiefs of the Christian legion, and in presence of his other officers constituted them into an Order of Knighthood with the celestial cross as an insignia, and, on the return of peace, became himself the Sovereign Patron thereof. These Christian warriors were then selected to compose the body guard of Constantine, and the command of same was confided to Eusebius, bishop of Nicomedia, who was thus considered the second officer of the Order. Whether these incidents are true or

false is immaterial so far as they affect present objects and purposes of the Order.

After the death of Constantine and the division of the empire, the Order is said to have flourished under his successors, Marcian and Leo, but afterward declined until the year 1190, when it was revived by the Emperor Michael Angelus Comnenus on a scale of increased splendor. From this time down to 1699 the Grand Mastership was vested in the Comnenian family, who were considered the lineal descendants of Constantine. At this latter period the dignity was vested in one Andrew Angelus Comnenus, titular Prince of Macedonia, who pretended to assign his hereditary rights to Francis Farnese, the reigning Duke of Parma. The Grand Crosses of the Order, one of whom was the Abbe Giustiniani, continued, however, to exercise their undoubted privilege of conferring the Red Cross upon worthy men; and it is to this learned Abbe, who was long attached to the Venetian Embassy in London, that the existence of the Order in England is attributed. The members of the English branch during the eighteenth century were men of high social position and of eminence in the Masonic Fraternity, but, like the Knights Templars, we are unable to say positively when the Order was restricted to Freemasons. It is presumed that this regulation was made about 1788, as from this date it appears wholly under Masonic auspices. In 1796 the Grand Master of the Templars was also the head of the Red Cross Order. In 1804 it was vested in Waller Rodwell Wright, a most distinguished Mason, to whom we are indebted for the form of our present rituals. In 1808 a constitutional government was affected, and the present Imperial Council of England established. There is a continuous record still in existence from 1788.

The Order of the Holy Sepulchre is said to have been instituted A. D. 326, by St. Helena, the mother of

Constantine, in commemoration of her discoveries in the Holy Land. It was instituted with the sanction of Constantine and confirmed by the Pontiff Marcellinus. The Knights were selected from the Order of the Red Cross, and the original investments were made at Jerusalem, the knightly vows being made while kneeling at the sacred tomb. The two orders have always been intimately connected, and since 1190 under the same government. The history of the Holy Sepulchre since that period is therefore identical with that of the Red Cross.

The Holy Order of St. John the Evangelist purports to be a continuation of the Palestine Order of St. John, as distinguished from the Hospitallers and other Orders which claim a dedication to that Saint. It is based upon certain incidents which are said to have occurred in the restoration of the fourth Gospel, as related by the Byzantine historians, and assumes to be a final exposition of the fundamental concepts of Freemasonry. It is further claimed that the Knights of St. John of Palestine were the **true** Masons, as to them only were the words of the highest import imparted, and that it was only after warfare with the enemies of the faith they received this privilege and were admitted to full communion with the Holy Brotherhood.

In 1813 H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex became the Grand Master of the united orders for the term of his natural life, and continued to exercise the dignity until his decease in 1843. The Order remained in a languishing condition from this time until 1865, when the Imperial Council of England was revived and the present organization adopted.

In the year 1869 the Earl of Bective, then the Grand Sovereign of England, commissioned Fra. McLeod Moore an Intendant General, with authority to introduce the Orders into the western hemisphere, and in pursuance of this authority and through various inter-

mediaries, conclaves were finally established in Illinois during the year 1872. On August 30, 1872, the representatives of these conclaves met at the City of Chicago, Ill., and by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand Sovereign of England authorizing the formation of Independent Grand Councils, and a further special dispensation from his Chief Intendant General for the United States, Fra. Alfred Creigh, they organized a new and sovereign body which they called the "Grand Imperial Council of Illinois." The new body thus created was thereafter duly recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Imperial Council of England, as a properly organized and legally existing governing body of the orders with sovereign powers and a peer of the parent body.

Although possessing beautiful as well as ancient rituals, which in liturgic expression and exalted symbolism compare favorably with the best of any rite of Freemasonry, yet the primary object of the Order has constantly been to promote the social features of the Masonic Institution and to preserve, as far as possible, the primitive customs of the Fraternity that conduce to good feeling and fellowship. As these objects and purposes became known to the craft an interest was created in territory lying without the claimed exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Imperial Council of Illinois. This eventually resulted in the organization of conclaves in other States, and with this extension of territorial jurisdiction there came a general feeling that the organic law should be so changed as to meet the new conditions. Accordingly, at the assembly held at Jacksonville, Ill., on October 13, 1899, a new constitution was adopted whereby the governing body became the "Grand Imperial Council for the Western Masonic jurisdiction of the United States," exercising sovereign prerogatives over the grades and orders in all of the States west of the Alleghenies. But after time conclaves were organized in

localities without this last named jurisdiction, and so, in pursuance of what appeared to be manifest destiny, at the assembly held at the City of Duluth, Minn., on August 14, 1907, the constitution was again amended and the supreme body became the "Grand Imperial Council for the United States of America," the name by which it is now called. This organization, with a jurisdiction embracing all parts of the Union where no Grand Council exists, has been duly recognized by the Grand Imperial Council of England, the mother council of the world, as a lawful and regular governing body of the orders within its claimed territory, and relations of amity and correspondence have been established.

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The Constantinian Orders are the **only** chivalric grades now conferred in this country that can show direct descent from the parent stock, and which can trace an unbroken line of genealogy. Originally the initial grade was called the "Illustrious Order of the Red Cross," and as this Order and that of Knight Templar were the only chivalric degrees recognized in England at the time Webb constructed his "American System," it is supposed that, not being possessed of the English degree, he fabricated the present Red Cross of American Templary in order that his system might coincide with the names of the English bodies. The degree now known as Red Cross of Constantine is, however, the original, as well as the present, Red Cross of English Freemasonry.

The degrees of the Constantinian Orders are six in number, three working and three official, and are conferred in the following order:

1. Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine (or Perfect Knight Mason) conferred in a body styled a Conclave.
2. Knight of the Holy Sepulchre conferred in a body styled Sanctuary.
3. Knight of St. John of Palestine (the Evangelist) conferred as an ap-

pendant order to the last named, but in a body styled a Commandery.

4. Viceroy—Eusebius (or Perfect Priest Mason) conferred in a College of Viceroys erected within the Imperial Council, and only on the elected Viceroys of Conclaves except by dispensation.

5. Sovereign—Constantine (or Perfect Prince Mason) conferred in a Senate of Sovereigns established within the Imperial Council, and only on the elected Sovereigns of Conclaves, except by dispensation.

6. Grand Cross of the Order—a decoration and dignity conferred upon worthy and eminent Knights of the Order as a special mark of honor and distinction. The number of Knights Grand Cross is limited to fifty, in accordance with the ancient statutes promulgated by the Emperor Michael Angelus Comnenus.

The Masonic qualification for membership in these Orders is that the applicant shall be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing. By the ancient statutes, Master Masons are eligible for the Order of the Red Cross, but to attain the Holy Sepulchre it is necessary that the postulant be also a Royal Arch Mason. In England, where the rule is still observed, but few ever attain this last dignity, indeed the number is limited to ninety-nine. In this country all of the so-called working orders are open without limit, and for this reason the qualifications for the Holy Sepulchre are required of all applicants.

Faith, Unity and Zeal are the principles upon which this chivalric fraternity is founded. A reverential belief in the New Covenant, the blessings of fraternal union, and the advantages of zeal in a good cause, are impressed upon the minds of our aspirants, who are taught to reflect not only upon the mysteries of Life, but on the solemn secrets of the hereafter. In this respect the Order may well claim kinship with the noble institution of Freemasonry, from which

its members are chosen, and with which they consider it their duty as well as their privilege to continue allied.

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In the Constantinian Orders the allegories and primary symbolism of the Lodge and Chapter are retained unchanged, but with new interpretations and more recondite meanings. The True Word, for which our ancient brethren sought, is recovered, and is itself the Light which shone in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. All of the ceremonies are designed to illustrate this phase of the symbols, and the precepts and lessons are drawn wholly from the teachings of the Master of Nazareth. Only those who are willing to follow in the footsteps of the Divine Master can, with propriety, assume our obligations, and for this reason, although no specific definition of the aspirants' religious views are required, those only will be accepted who can subscribe to a general belief in the Christian religion as set forth in the New Testament.

In their essential characteristics the Orders may be said to constitute a beautiful system of Christian Masonry, and to furnish a most impressive allegorical sequel to the history of the craft degrees. In their development the neophyte gazes for the last time upon the fragmentary forms and types of the Mosaic dispensation; upon the ruins of the ancient temple he sees arise the New Tabernacle of Divine Truth, whose existence human power shall not be able to affect, and whose duration shall be for an eternity of ages; the confusion of the Old Covenant is made clear in the New Law, and he learns that the mysteries of the craft are in reality but the mysteries of religion. His long initiation of toil ended, he lays down the implements of labor and rises to a higher sphere of usefulness and duty; neither is there longer any Temple, because the light of the Lord is universally

diffused and the world has become one Holy House of his wisdom.

But while the Constantinian Orders are essentially Christian, they involve no sacrifice of personal beliefs, and compel adherence to no formulated creed. They do not assume to prescribe articles of faith or to usurp the province of the church, neither do they attempt to fetter the mind with the shackles of sectarian prejudice or denominational bias. That perfect right of freedom of conscience, so essential to every man who would obtain just conceptions of Deity, is accorded to all, and the only doctrines inculcated are those of the Gentle Master himself—"the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

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Historically considered the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine commemorates the first elevation of Christianity from the position of a despised and proscribed heresy, to that of a legally recognized and honored religion. Christianity had indeed existed for more than three centuries before the institution of the Order, but always under the ban of restrictive laws

and proclamations, more or less rigidly enforced, according to the caprice of those intrusted with their administration, and it was not until Constantine won the battle which gave him supreme control over the Western Empire that it acquired an established place among the religions of the world. Created, therefore, by the first Christian ruler, it was fitting that to our Order should have been committed the keeping of the faith as it was delivered to the founders of our religion, and the guardianship and preservation of the true key to what has been hidden, in the design of God's providence, concerning the real meaning of His ordinances. To us have come, by the hands of generations of faithful Knights, the knowledge first revealed to and through St. John the Evangelist, of the mysterious, yet beautifully simple explanation of all God's revelations to and dealings with man, and we have found that they all led to and were comprehended in the great fact, that God was the Word from the beginning and that that for which man had been searching in all ages, the beginning and the end of wisdom, was found, at last, upon the Cross.

Pennsylvania Masonic Home

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is planning the most elaborate and extensive Masonic Home in the world. A tract of land consisting of 957 acres has been purchased at Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, at a cost of \$134,296, about 157 acres being woodland. About 250 acres will be devoted to the buildings, and there will be so many of them as to constitute a good sized village. A main building will contain general dining rooms, administration offices, living rooms for officers and servants. The inmates will live in cottages grouped about and connected with the main building by covered passageways, while married couples

will live in a group of cottages equipped for light housekeeping and in close proximity to the main buildings.

There will be libraries, sitting rooms, social rooms, etc. There will be "school homes" for the children of various grades and including technical schools, a hospital fully equipped, and a separate Isolation Home for contagious cases, also a chapel for religious worship, and a Lodge room.

Much attention has been given in the plans, for landscape treatment of the grounds and the provision for outdoor diversions and amusements.

The total cost will reach well toward a million dollars.—Exchange.

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"UPWARDS of one thousand, seven hundred (1700) petitions have been received for the degrees in the April Reunion Class," is the announcement made in the official organ of Oriental Consistory, Scottish rite, Chicago, Ill. We read this statement with surprise. This is indeed an age of great undertakings. To do big things, to startle the world by the magnitude of our schemes, to surpass the great achievements of some other great undertaking seems to be the moving sentiment in many organizations. So many candidates for initiation in the Scottish Rite are expected on this particular occasion that the members of the several bodies are practically invited to stay at home there being no room for their accommodation.

The officers of the Scottish Rite bodies in Chicago are probably doing what is satisfactory to a large part of the members, most of them undoubtedly having come into freemasonry during these latter days of rush and excitement and have no thought of any other way.

It may not occur to them that the value of the degrees, not the money value, but the ethical value and significance of the degrees as lessons of morality and as evidence of the personal worth of those who receive them is vastly diminished by such wholesale methods. It is in line with the publicity of Masonic management now much in vogue and which has reached a point that should be met with the protest of all who revere the dignified leaders and conservative methods of the past.

THE appointment of Ex-Gov. Curtis Guild as ambassador to Russia is highly gratifying to a host of Masonic associates and friends who cherish a deep regard for his excellent and lovable qualities, his honest and manly character and his courteous kindness to all who have been associated with him in Masonic work.

There is no question of his fitness for the exalted station he has been selected to fill. He is a man of broad education and wide experience. He possesses the courtly dignity that places him at ease in any surroundings, and, perhaps what will add most to his value



Curtis Guild, Jr., 33°

as a representative of our government, his habit of thoroughness in whatever he undertakes. No obstacle of language, custom or diplomacy will be beyond his power of comprehension or ability to overcome. His brethren, particularly, of the Scottish Rite, will miss him but their best wishes will be with him at all times.

HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY, K. T., Melrose, Mass., attended divine service on the afternoon of Easter Sunday by invitation of their prelate, Rev. Paul Sterling, the rector of Trinity Church. The edifice was crowded.

There was a profusion of blooms at the altar and about the pulpit, the display of lilies being magnificent. The music was especially attractive.

The templars heard an address by Past Commander Oliver A. Roberts of the commandery. His subject was "Zerubbabel" and he elaborated upon the life and character of that personage. His description of a visit to the holy sepulchre formed an absorbing part of the remarks. He spoke of the loyalty and fortitude of templars and how important Easter was to them.

Eminent Sir Alonzo Hall, EC, was in command, assisted by George O. Sheldon, G, and

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Percy W. Witherell, CG. The other past commanders present were Eminent Sirs Harry Hunt, Harry Stevens and Milton A. Stone.

THE Annual Meeting of Boston-Lafayette Lodge of Perfection was held in Masonic Temple, Friday, April 7th. The lodge has 2025 members and is in a prosperous condition, having made a satisfactory gain both in membership and finances during the past year.

Curtis Guild, 33°, was elected thrice potent master. Other officers elected were: John J. Van Valkenburgh, 32°, deputy master; Oscar Storer, 32°, senior warden; Melvin M. Johnson, 32°, junior warden; David T. Montague, 32°, orator; Joseph W. Work, 33°, treasurer; Benjamin W. Rowell, 33°, secretary; James D. Rominus, 33° (since deceased), trustee of the permanent fund three years. The appointed officers are the same as last year. The officers were installed by James S. Blake, 33°, assisted by Moses C. Plummer, 33°, as marshal. Thrice Potent Master Guild was presented with a past master's jewel. The presentation was made by Leon M. Abbott, 33°, deputy of the Supreme Council. No feature of the evening was more impressive than the speeches made by the two distinguished brothers concerned in this incident: Brother Abbott is second officer of the Supreme Council, a man of recognized intellectual ability of dignified and prepossessing personality and a fluent and graceful speaker. Thrice Potent Master Guild stands among the best known men of Massachusetts. His wide experience in public life, his broad education, his courtly manner and his quick conception of the fitness of things make a combination rarely equalled. The speeches of both brothers were gems in every quality of appropriateness, expression and feeling.

THE annual convocation of Giles F. Yates council Princes of Jerusalem, Scottish Rite, was held in Masonic Temple, Boston, Friday, April 14th. Sovereign Prince Benjamin Taft, 32°, declined re-election on account of pressure of business. He was presented with an elegant past sovereign prince's jewel; and the good will of the brethren was happily ex-

pressed by Past Sovereign Prince William H. Puffer, 33°, who presided during the election of officers.

The recipient said he was glad to have an opportunity of thanking Past Sovereign Prince Puffer, to whom he was indebted for placing him in line. The orchestra played "Auld Lang Syne."

A reception was accorded Puissant Isaac H. Stearns, 33°, past sovereign grand commander of the supreme council, A. A. S. R. of Canada, the committee being headed by Illustrious Charles T. Gallagher, 33°, active member of the supreme council, A. A. S. R., N. M. J.

With him were all others of the 33° present, including Daniel W. Lawrence and George O. Tyler, active members. As the party entered the hall the orchestra played "God Save the King," in honor of the noted guest, who was presented by the chairman of the committee.

Sovereign Prince Taft extended the welcome of the council, and Past Sovereign Commander Stearns in replying said he considered it a great privilege to be received into one of the constituent bodies of the northern Masonic jurisdiction of the rite, for which the supreme council of Canada has the highest admiration as it has been accorded great assistance at its formation in 1874, from one on this side of the line, George O. Tyler. The speaker said that it was with a feeling of pride that he could say he represented a council with the largest area in the world, as it extended to three oceans.

The installation was conducted by Past Sovereign Prince Puffer, with Past Sovereign Prince John E. Pierce, 33°, as marshal.

The elective officers are: Edward O. Hatch, Winchester, 32°, SP; Geo. I. Leland, Lynn, 32°, HP; James D. Robertson, Boston, 32°, SW; Harry E. Stilphen, Lynn, 32°, JW; Joseph W. Work, Newton, 33°, treas; Benjamin W. Rowell, Lynn, 33°, sec; George S. Carpenter, Boston, 33°, trustee of permanent fund for three years.

Sovereign Prince Hatch made these appointments: Fred B. Ambler, Natick, 32°, M. of C; Josiah T. Dyer, Somerville, 33°, A; Jay B. Benton, Winchester, 32°, M of E; David C. Calef, Roslindale, 32°, tyler, and Harold C. Spencer, Boston, 32°, C of C.

The reading of the annual reports showed

that the enrollment is now 2014. There had been 31 deaths in the last 12 months and the addition to the life membership was 25. A large increase had been made in the general and permanent funds.

THE annual assembly of Mt. Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix, Boston, was held in Masonic Temple, Friday, April 21st. Joseph T. Paul, wise master, was re-elected and presented with a jewel of past wise masters.

The Chapter has enjoyed a prosperous year and has made a substantial addition to the permanent fund. The membership has reached 1962.

Illustrious Addison L. Osborne, 33°, P. W. M., presided at the election and conducted the installation, assisted by Illustrious Charles M. Pear, 33°, P. W. M., as master of ceremonies.

Illustrious Stephen H. Roblin, 33°, P. W. M., on behalf of the chapter presented the jewel to the wise master as a token of its regard and best wishes, sentiments in which he heartily concurred. To the installing official and the master of ceremonies floral tributes were presented.

A GREAT throng of Scottish Rite Masons assembled in Masonic Temple, Friday, April 28th to participate in the exercises of the final Spring rendezvous of Massachusetts Consistory. A session for business was opened at 10 o'clock in the morning, and for work at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A supper was served at 5 o'clock. Work was resumed at 7 o'clock and a banquet at the end was the concluding feature of the day. The only shadow on the day was the absence of Commander-in-chief Edward S. Benedict, 32°, who has been ill several weeks but his convalescence gives joy to his host of friends and associates. The annual reports, which were read, attest the great prosperity of the body. The membership is now 2889, and the financial standing is eminently satisfactory. A large number received the 32 grade and were admitted members.

In the absence of the Commander-in-chief the direction of affairs devolved on First Lieutenant Commander George C. Thacher, 32°, who was ably assisted by Forest E. Barker, 32°, and Thomas Bevington, 33°. The active 33° Masons present were: Leon M. Abbott, lieutenant commander of the Supreme

Council; Samuel C. Lawrence, Daniel W. Lawrence and Charles T. Gallagher of Massachusetts and George O. Tyler of Vermont.

A large number of honorary members of the supreme council were in attendance and many delegates from other consistories.

The admirable presentation of the grades won renewed praise from those permitted to see them. This occasion, like others in the past, emphasizes the inadequacy of the Temple for the accommodation of the Scottish Rite bodies.



Edward O. Hatch

EDWARD O. HATCH, the newly elected Sovereign Prince of Giles F. Gates Council Princes of Jerusalem, is a well known business man of Boston. He was born in Charlestown, April 14, 1854, his present residence is in Winchester, Mass. After attending school in his native city he entered on his business career, first in the banking business for a period of eight years, then, entering the agricultural business, he advanced rapidly from one position to another until he became general manager of the old established business of Jos. Breck & Sons which position he still occupies. He was received a Mason in Henry Price lodge, Charlestown, April, 1882. He became a member of Belmont lodge in 1890 and served as Wor. Master in 1895-6. He was district deputy grand master in the 5th

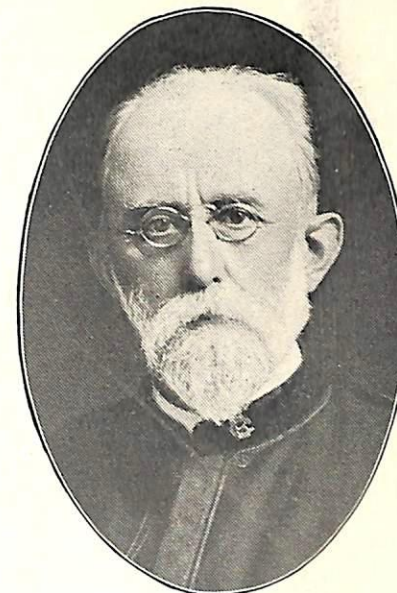
Masonic district 1897 and 1898. He was exalted in Waltham R. A. Chapter June, 1887, from which he demitted and became a member of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter in the same year. He served as high priest in 1906-7, and is now a member of the board of trustees of that body.

Brother Hatch is a member of Boston Council R. & S. Masters since June, 1896. He received the degrees of the Scottish Rite in Boston-Lafayette lodge of Perfection, Giles F. Yates Council Princes of Jerusalem, Mt. Olivet Chapter, Rose Croix and Massachusetts Consistory in 1896. Brother Hatch is a shining light in the Past Masters' Association of the fifth Masonic district of which he has been secretary and treasurer for the past twelve years. He is recognized as the moving spirit of that body which, at one of its annual meetings, presented to him an original jewel combining in its design the emblem of a past master, secretary and treasurer.

Brother Hatch is an energetic and faithful officer and will jealously sustain the interest of the body over which he has been called to preside. He is also a member of Aleppo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., which he joined May, 1897.

To own a ship's clock may be a great comfort, or it may be a great plague, as Brother Edward E. Reynolds can testify. Brother Reynolds is one of the well known brethren prominent in a hundred ways in promoting the interests of Massachusetts consistory. In recognition of his merits some of his associates decided to present him with a handsome ship clock. Those who know how clocks of this character strike, know the utter confusion they produce in the mind of a landsman. Brother Reynolds was innocent of this branch of knowledge; he took the clock home and placed it by his bed-side and went to sleep. The next thing he knew was the clock striking 5, this is brother Reynolds' hour for rising, and although he thought he was short of sleep, he rose, dressed and went down stairs for breakfast, when he discovered that the hands of the old reliable dining-room clock pointed to the hour of half past two. Imagine his disgust when he recognized his error and went back to bed to finish the night.

B. WESLEY BROWN, who is one of the staff at the Masonic temple, fell by the collapse of a step ladder in the sodality room of that building, April 28th, while he was arranging some electric lights. Dr. J. D. Robertson was in attendance at a meeting on the upper floor and was summoned. On examination he found that the man had sustained a compound fracture of the wrist and ordered his removal to the Massachusetts General Hospital. Mr. Brown is a resident of Cambridgeport.



Thomas M. Carter

BRO. THOMAS M. CARTER was called upon at short notice to conduct the recent monstrous concert given by a band of 400 musicians in Mechanics Building. Mr. Victor Herbert was scheduled to appear, but was unavoidably detained, for which reason Mr. Carter was summoned to take his place. The concert was entirely successful, artistically and financially, and a few days later Mr. Carter was made recipient of a beautiful gold medal, suitably inscribed, the gift of the Musicians Relief Society, under whose management the concert was given.

EDWIN SANFORD CRANDON, one of the well known Masons of Massachusetts, was elected president of Massachusetts Sons of the American Revolution at the annual meeting

of the society on Patriot's Day. The business meeting was held within the historic Old South Meeting House and the annual banquet followed at the American House. Masons are patriotic in spirit as we may judge from the names of well known brethren connected with the sons of the Revolution. Charles Montraville Green, past deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,



Edwin S. Crandon

is treasurer, and on this occasion was presented with a beautiful embossed testimonial in appreciation of his service as treasurer for a period of twenty years—A few of the other Masons in attendance were: Charles Edward Wiggin, Roxbury; Samuel Crowell, M. D., of Dorchester; George Maury Rice, Worcester; Charles Dana Burrage, grand high priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter, Mass., and Frederick W. Hamilton, D. D., president of Tufts College.

THE First Worshipful Master's Association of Massachusetts held its regular monthly meeting in Masonic Temple, Boston, Friday, April 17th.

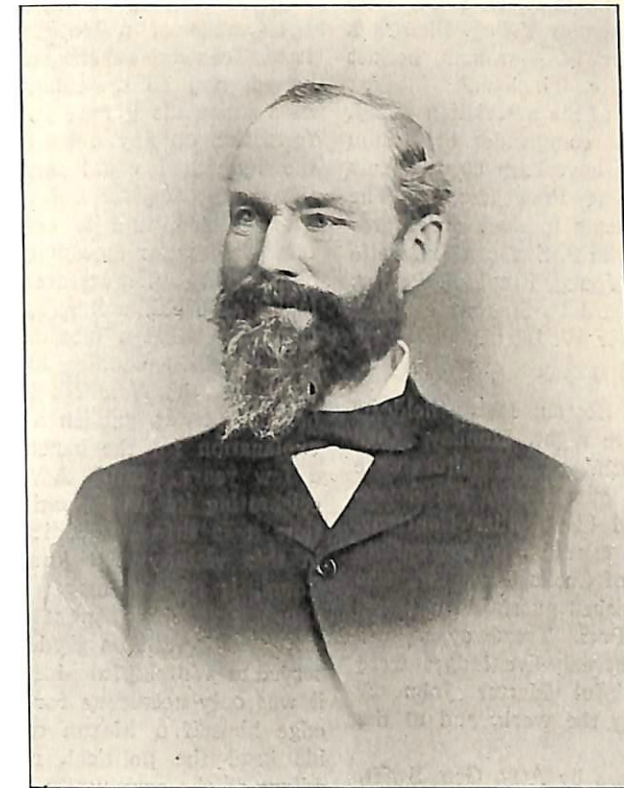
At the conclusion of the regular business a novel entertainment was introduced by the brethren assuming the functions of a town meeting. President Bliss was chosen moderator. The usual town appropriations were discussed and the peculiar characteristics of the average citizen manifested in exaggerated measures. The disposition of officials to profit by graft was illustrated by the selectmen and the parsimony of tax payers by a disposition to reduce appropriation for schools and support of the poor. As usual a large portion of the fun was provided by the re-

marks of Secretary Spring. He was ably seconded by selectman A. B. Crocker.

THE annual inspection of Calvary Commandery, K. T., Providence, R. I., took place Tuesday, April 18th. The Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery made the inspection. He was accompanied by a large suite of distinguished Templars. Grand Commander J. Albert Blake was also present and received with cordial greetings. Over 200 sir knights of Calvary were in uniform. At the conclusion of the inspection a banquet was enjoyed and speeches made by the inspecting officer and others. The remarks were interspersed with selections from the "Orfullest" quartet, who endeavored to demonstrate their right to the name, but after several attempts it was unanimously agreed that the name was a misnomer and to be used no more. It was well along into the wee small hours when the party, regretfully, broke up, thus ending one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of Calvary.

SUPT. WILLIAM J. WILEY of the Masonic Home, Utica, N. Y., has received a handsome acknowledgment of the assistance he recently rendered to St. John's Catholic Orphan Asylum of the same city. Supt. Wiley arranged a most successful concert for the benefit of the Catholic Home and managed it with such skill that a substantial sum was realized. The assistance of Supt. Wiley was appreciated by the managers of the Catholic institution as was shown by their presentation to him of a valuable silver loving cup with a letter expressing their thanks. The letter was elegantly printed and bound in seal leather. Far beyond the intrinsic worth of the beautiful cup was the spirit behind it and the appreciation it expressed of a kind action for God's unfortunate and helpless little ones, it also revealed the fact that deep in the heart of every man is found a love for his fellow that overleaps the bounds of race or creed.

THE good fellowship of Rt. Wor. Brother Oliver A. Roberts is not limited to his associates in Masonic Temple or to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for on March 31st he was elected an honorary member of the Association of Masonic Veterans of Pennsylvania.



J. Francis Lotts

THE thirtieth anniversary of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights' Templar Commanders was held at Young's Hotel, Wednesday, April 27th. It was one of the most interesting meetings the association ever held. President Everett C. Benton presided. Past President E. Bentley Young read an address covering the history of the body from its organization. Several distinguished guests were present. Songs, sociability and good fellowship made the evening pass like a delightful dream.

An interesting feature of the occasion was the decoration of the banquet tables with flowers by Mrs. Everett C. Benton and Mrs. Isaac Chase.

At the business session a memorial was read of Past Commander Joseph Hare of Washington commandery, Newport, R. I.

On motion of Sec. Tinkham a vote of thanks was passed to Past Commander T. Frederic Martin, who retired after five years' occupancy of the treasurer's office.

The "right hand of fellowship" was extended to the following, who signed the roll: Right Eminent Sir Warren C. Philbrook, GC of Maine; Eminent Sirs Edmund B. Mallet and Augustus F. Moulton, PC of Portland commandery, Portland; Power S. Mooney, PC of Trinity, Augusta; J. Foster Hill, PC of St. Omer, Waterville, and Frank E. Leonard, EC of Holy Sepulchre, Pawtucket. The general welcome and the charge were from Very Eminent Sir Lafayette G. Blair, DGC, who was president when the 20th anniversary was observed.

Pres. Everett C. Benton presided at the banquet and at the head table with him were Very Eminent Sir Frederick C. Thayer, GSdWB of the grand encampment of the United States; Right Eminent Sir J. Albert Blake, GC of the grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Grand Commander Philbrook and Past Grand Commander Clayton J. Farrington of Maine; Past Grand Commanders Caleb Saunders,

Herbert F. Morse, William H. H. Soule, Freeman C. Hersey, E. Bentley Young, Charles I. Litchfield and Walter W. Burnham, besides Treas. Pierce and Sec. Tinkham.

The first president of the association was J. Francis Lotts, a past commander of Boston Commandery. There have been 20 occupants of the chair, including Pres. Benton. The surviving past presidents in their order are: James M. Gleason, John P. Sanborn, Lafayette G. Blair, E. Bentley Young, Frank T. Pearce, Caleb Saunders, Edward F. Sherburne, Dana J. Flanders and Walter W. Burnham.

St. JOHN'S LODGE, Boston, Mass., held its 10th annual legislative night, Monday, April 3d. More than 400 members and visitors were present. Among the guests were Ex-Governor Curtis Guild and his brother Courteny, whose presence was exceedingly appropriate as a memorial paper of Curtis Guild, Sr., was read. Other distinguished guests were Lieut. Gov. Frothingham, Pres. Treadway of the senate. More than seventy-five lodges were represented. Worshipful Master John C. Hurl presided during the work, and at the banquet.

There were addresses by Atty. Gen. Swift, Councillor Cushing and Senator Treadway, the latter thanking the lodge on behalf of his colleagues from Beacon Hill for the pleasant evening that had been given them.

DISTRICT Deputy G. M. Charles C. Perkins of the 8th Masonic district of Conn. made his official visit to Asylum Lodge No. 57, Stonington, recently, accompanied by several members of both Union and Brainerd Lodges of New London. Secretary Benjamin S. Cutler met the visitors at the station, escorted them to his beautiful home, and entertained them royally until it was time to depart for the Lodge Room. Little "Ben" also assisted in the entertaining and received a great deal of attention from his Papa's guests.

Brother Cutler unquestionably stands pre-eminent as an efficient and loyal Secretary. In addition to the regular duties of the office he has spent months and years in study and research to procure biographical information of the brethren, and historical data of the Lodge since its inception. He has been to

a great expense in having a special index book made of a loose leaf style in which leaves can be substituted or new ones inserted, and so systematically arranged that at a moment's glance you can get more information on any one of the members than the individual could impart himself. It is the most complete record system that was ever devised, and is entirely the result of that gray matter stored up in the upper story of Brother Cutler's storehouse. He, like the builders of old, will never live to know and appreciate what a monument to Masonry he has erected in planning his record book. We hope that the *New England Craftsman* will be able later to publish a facsimile page with explanation for the benefit of the craft. In a few years (1919) Asylum Lodge will be celebrating its 100th anniversary, and at that time it is safe to predict that every Mason in this vicinity will know that Stonington, Conn., is on the map. In addition to the above, entitled to great credit for masonic service are, William Hyde, who for ten years served as Worshipful Master in the days when it was only necessary for a man to acknowledge himself a Mason to bring down upon his head the political, religious and social odium of the community. He also holds the distinction of being the first Eminent Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 7 of New London. W. R. Palmer, who was W. M. for eight years, from 1869 to 1876. W. F. Broughton, who served two years as W. M. and has since been Eminent Commander of Palestine Commandery. L. A. Grover, who proved an efficient W. M., and is now a successful clothing merchant, with stores at Stonington and Mystic. J. H. Stivers, a dignified P. M., a successful merchant, prominent in the town government, Tree Warden, one of the "shining lights" of the church, a jolly good fellow, and a stately bearing that leads strangers to take him for one of the sky pilots. Geo. W. Haley, one whom it is a pleasure to meet, and shows some of the training received from the stage with interesting experiences. Geo. D. Bradley, the veteran Chaplain, having served his lodge in this capacity for about 15 years, besides being a P. M. Norman F. Wilcox, the present W. M., under whose guidance the lodge is now flourishing, with prospects of having a good year in quality rather than quantity, a note-

worthy fact that seems to have pervaded the history of Asylum Lodge.

Although the present membership of Asylum Lodge is slightly over 100, there are fourteen who have seen over 40 years' service, and to whom the lodge points with pride as being living temples to our noble order, whose names are set apart in their records for the younger brothers to emulate.

While mentioning the heroes of the fraternity in this lodge it will not be amiss to mention a heroine who was the good wife of Dr. Wm. Hyde, whose words of encouragement in those early days when one risked his life to expose his colors were not without effect. She spent many weary hours with her needle making the necessary paraphernalia for the lodge, and only lacked the conferring of the degrees to have become a true loyal member of the craft. Her name, with her honorable husband's, are inseparably connected with the history of Asylum Lodge.

MAINE Conclave, No. 1, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, held their annual ladies' night, reception and banquet at the Falmouth house, Friday evening, February 24th. There were nearly 300 in attendance, and the affair was one of the most interesting social events of the season in fraternal circles.

EM. Sir T. H. Anderson, Em. Sir T. E. McDonald, and Sirs E. H. Winslow, H. W. Robinson, W. N. Snow and A. N. Smith committee may be congratulated on their success in arranging for the annual ladies' night of St. Alban Commandery, which was held at the Falmouth Hotel, Portland, April 7th. A reception was first held in the parlors of the hotel, this was followed by the banquet, and later in the evening whist and dancing were the features.

The annual inspection of Portland Commandery, K. T., by Grand Commander Warren C. Philbrook, occurred March 14th.

The count showed 126 members of the commandery present in uniform, and one without, 28 members of the commandery suite, including 10 past commanders of Portland Commandery and 68 visitors.

The visitors included a number of Sir Knights from out of the State.

SAMUEL L. MILLER, department commander of the department of Maine, G. A. R., in 1901, a former president of the Maine Press Association, formerly publisher of the Lincoln County News and for 10 years correspondent of the Associated Press, died March 26th at his home, Waldoboro, Maine. He formerly was postmaster, holding that office 21 years. During the Civil War he served as quartermaster sergeant in the 20th Maine Volunteers. Mr. Miller had been grand junior warden of the Grand Lodge of Masons and grand patron of the Eastern Star of Maine, and was a member of the Loyal Legion. Mr. Miller is the historian of Waldoboro, and himself claims descent from Frank Miller, who came from Germany in 1753.

His war record shows three years' service under Gen. Chamberlain in the 20th Maine regiment, and those years were in a time that tried men's souls.

HIRAM Lodge of South Portland, Me., held a most successful fair in February, continuing one week with large attendance and very satisfactory sales. Music was furnished by Hamilton's Orchestra. During the closing evening the members of the 2d Co., N. G. S. M., gave a very interesting drill, and many special prizes were awarded.

PAST Masters' Night was observed by York Lodge, Kennebunk, Me., February 20, at the official visit of R. W. Albert W. Meserve, D. D. G. M. The various stations were filled by Past Masters, as follows: — Worshipful master, George A. Gilpatric; senior warden, Homer T. Waterhouse; junior warden, Walter H. Cloudman; treasurer, Mark H. Ford; secretary, Francis C. Simonds; senior deacon, Bertelle A. Smith; junior deacon, Charles H. Cole; marshal, William F. Bowen; chaplain, Asa A. Richardson; senior steward, Paul I. Andrews; junior steward, Leander G. Smith; tyler, William H. Littlefield.

Most Worshipful Frank E. Sleeper, grand lecturer of Maine F. and A. M., has announced that Solar Lodge No. 14 of Bath will work before the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, May 3, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Solar Lodge was chartered in 1804 by the

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and Governor William King was the first worshipful master. It is a fine working lodge, with a membership of 241. The officers:—Worshipful master, Sylvester H. Rowland; senior warden, Victor H. Paquet; junior warden, Harry A. Walters; treasurer, Fred D. Hill; secretary, Albert L. Strout; chaplain, W. Scott Shorey; senior deacon, Karl F. Van Baman; junior deacon, Arthur J. Smith; senior steward, Arthur E. Baum; junior steward, Milton N. Douglas; marshal, Ralph C. Dunton.

PORTLAND and St. Alban Commandery, Knights Templar, are to make an extensive pilgrimage next June, about 200 of the members leaving on the 23rd on a special pullman train for Gorham, N. H., Montreal and Quebec. The party is to be absent from Portland two days and three nights, and during that time will travel nearly 800 miles.

The knights will go via the Grand Trunk and their first stop, Friday evening, will be at Gorham, where they will be guests at the Mount Madison house at supper. They will arrive at Montreal early the next morning, and they will visit places of interest in that city. At midnight they leave for Quebec, and they will have a whole day to inspect that interesting old city.

THE annual inspection of St. Alban Commandery, K. T., Portland, Maine, took place March 7th, Rt. Em. Sir Warren C. Philbrook of Waterville and suite officiating. The affair called out one of the largest gatherings of Sir Knights ever held in the history of Templar Masonry in Portland, over 200 from St. Alban and Portland Commanderies being in attendance. Words of commendation and praise were accorded all for the efficient and finished manner in which the details of the evening's program progressed, a male quartet delightfully embellishing the beautiful work.

The inspection was followed by a sumptuous banquet at the Falmouth Hotel, music being furnished by Brooks Orchestra.

PORTLAND and St. Alban Commanderies of Portland, Maine, attended Easter services at Congress Square Universalist Church, where

the pastor, Rev. James F. Albion, D. D., who is also prelate of Portland Commandery, delivered a fine address on the significance of the Cross.

PAST high priests' jewels were presented to eight past high priests of Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, Adams, Mass., at a convocation held Wednesday, April 5th. Grand High Priest Charles Dana Burrage represented the chapter in the ceremony of presentation. The names of those who received the jewels are: Robert N. Richmond, Arthur A. Hall, Asa S. Harrington, George H. Holden, William P. Martin, Stephen L. A. Hall, Edwin F. Jenks and J. S. Adams. David Follett, who was absent, will receive one later.

Another ceremony of unusual significance was the bestowal of a jewel, as principal sojourner, to David D. Bowen. He has held the office continuously 46 years, ever since the institution of the chapter in 1865, and the grand high priest was warm in his praise of the faithful services in that long period.

At the banquet, where High Priest Brown presided, there were addresses by Grand High Priest Burrage, Past High Priest Petherbridge, in behalf of Berkshire, the mother chapter; Rev. Mr. Gerrish for Composite, the daughter chapter. Rt. Ex. Robert N. Richmond was toastmaster.

The 31st annual communication of Nestell Lodge No. 38, Providence, R. I., was held Thursday, March 23d. About 500 members and guests were present.

The officers elected were: Russell C. Lowell, worshipful master; Danforth K. Barrett, senior warden; Reuben F. Gray, junior warden; Howard A. Pearce, treasurer; C. W. Clissold, secretary. The appointed officers were named by Worshipful Master Lowell and all were installed by J. Fred Parker, first district deputy grand master, assisted by Worshipful Ernest L. Sprague of Orpheus Lodge as marshal. Retiring Wor. Master William A. Lee was presented a past master's apron and jewel.

A banquet was served, and Joseph Barker, Jr., acted as toastmaster, and introduced as speakers Past Grand Master Elisha H. Rhodes, Senior Grand Warden Wendell R. Davis and Harry C. Patterson.

The late Grand Master Henry W. Rugg was paid a silent tribute for one minute, all the members standing during that period.

Among the guests present were Worshipful Masters Hawes of Redwood Lodge, Thurston of St. John's and Coombs of Mount Vernon. Right Worshipful C. Henry Alexander, Tyler for the bodies meeting at the temple, was present, this being his first meeting since his accident last summer, and he was given three cheers.

THE Masons of Providence, R. I., are famous for the success of their social functions, but they are not the only "pebbles on the beach," as was shown by the ladies of Providence Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, under whose care a most successful minstrel show, with whist and a dance was given Tuesday, March 14th in Masonic Temple. About 400 members and guests were present helping to make the affair a big success.

A reception preceded the entertainment, and Mrs. Ida B. Lincoln, Worthy Matron, and Chester W. Barrows, Worthy Patron of Providence Chapter, and the State Officers, Mrs. Louise A. Babcock of Westerly, Grand Matron, and Samuel S. Eldred of Wakefield, Grand Patron, were in the receiving line.

Following the reception came the minstrel show in the large lodge room. The scenery was very effective, and the minstrel rovers, composed largely of members of the Four Leaf Clover Club, gave the performance, which was finished and pleasing. Miss E. Danielson, interlocutor, sat in the centre of the bunch of blackface feminine humanity, and joke after joke of local application was sprung, and song after song "pulled off" as one of the young women comedians termed it. Particularly good was the work of the end women, and the performance closed in a blaze of glory with the singing of some old-time darkey sentiment.

After the minstrel show programme whist and dancing occupied the rest of the evening.

EM. Sir William J. Bolton, grand lecturer, made an official inspection of Olivet Commandery, K. T., Lynn, Mass., Wednesday, April 5. Frederick H. Lee, Past Commander of Athol Commandery was acting warden.

Grand Commander John Albert Blake was a guest, and was accorded a special reception. An event of interest was the presentation of a gold jewel, emblematical of his office, to Treasurer Joseph W. Hawes, who has served the commandery twenty-five years.

THE 113th session of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Rhode Island was held in Providence, Tuesday, March 14th. The convocation was made notable by the presence of General Grand High Priest Nathan Kingsley, it being the first time in 14 years that the head of the order was present.

Grand High Priest William H. Scott presided. The session was attended by 108 members representing every subordinate chapter in the State. After a recess for dinner the officers for the ensuing year were elected. Retiring Grand High Priest Scott received a Grand High Priest's apron and jewel, General Grand High Priest Kingsley making the speech.

The following officers were elected:

Grand High Priest—George C. Knight of Woonsocket; Deputy Grand High Priest—Herbert Bliss of Newport; Grand King—Arthur B. Tyler of Pawtucket; Grand Scribe—James H. Thurston of Providence; Grand Treasurer—Amasa C. Tourtellotte of Providence; Grand Secretary—William R. Greene of Providence, this being Mr. Greene's 36th election; Grand Chaplain—William H. Scott of Providence; Grand Lecturer—Horace S. Richardson of Providence; Grand Captain of the Host—Farnum B. Smith of Woonsocket; Principal Sojourner—Edward M. Wheeler of Providence; Grand Royal Arch Captain—Charles F. Dawley of North Providence; Grand Master of Third Veil—J. E. Hudson of Coventry; Grand Master of the Second Veil—Frederick C. Leonard of Pawtucket; Grand Master of the First Veil—Charles T. Glines of Providence; Grand Senior Steward—George C. Lawton of Newport; Grand Junior Steward—M. R. C. Sipple of Warren; Grand Musical Director—Newell L. Wilbur of Providence; Grand Tyler—Leander M. Walling of Providence.

A SUCCESSFUL and highly entertaining minstrel show was given by members of Cambridge (Mass.), R. A. Chapter, Wednesday,

April 5th for the benefit of the New Masonic Temple now being erected. This is not the first contribution of the chapter for the purpose as more than \$1,600 has been earned by similar efforts. The performance was repeated on Friday with satisfactory results. There was a large audience who enjoyed the clever and artistic selections presented by the actors.

EM. SIR HENRY H. LITCHFIELD, grand lecturer of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island made an official inspection of South Shore Commandery, East Weymouth, Monday, April 10th. Thirty-six knights were on his suite.

The inspecting officer was cordially welcomed by Em. Commander Arthur W. Burr. The Commandery was also honored by a visit from Grand Commander J. Albert Blake who was attended by Past Commanders William H. H. Soule and Charles I. Litchfield.

South Shore Commandery made a good showing with 72 knights in uniform. Em. Sir James S. Blake of Boston Commandery acted as warden for the inspecting officer and with him received a bouquet at the end of the ceremonies.

The exercises of the evening were conducted in a very happy manner promoting in a marked degree an atmosphere of sociability and good fellowship. The order of the Temple was conferred with Em. Commander Burr presiding. The whole number present was 153.

WE have received from Grand Secretary Christopher Diehl, 33°, the handsome program of the "Seventeenth Reunion A. A. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Orient Utah Valley, Salt Lake, April 25-27, 1911."

VANNEVAR BUSH, son of R. Perry Bush, D. D., was stricken suddenly with appendicitis Sunday, April 16th, while his father was conducting the Easter service of Palestine and Boston Commanderies. He was taken to the Frost hospital and an operation performed before his father learned of the son's condition.

THE custom introduced by most Ill. Grand Master Benton of presenting to past thrice illustrious masters of Councils of R. & S. M., a diploma certifying they had occupied the chair was continued in Boston Council at the April assembly, by the inspecting officer, Rt. Ill. Francis E. Shaw, presenting to Thrice Illustrious Master Joseph T. Paul, a past thrice illustrious master's diploma. Following the inspection and work there was a collation and an entertainment by a singing and monologue artist.

THE annual theatre party of Aleppo Temple Mystic Shrine of Boston, took place Tuesday, April 18th and filled the Shubert theatre to the doors. Special programs bearing a picture of Charles A. Estey, potentate, were provided which assured the party that they were to be well cared for.

De Wolf Hopper, who is playing in "A Matinee Idol," is himself a Shriner, a member of Mecca Temple, New York. Mr. Hopper's interpolated lines and actions describing the working of a degree, and the Shriners fairly writhed in their chairs when he shouted to the blindfolded candidate, "for heaven's sake, don't let go of the rope!"

WORSHIPFUL Master George H. Archibald with officers and members of Mt. Hermon lodge, Medford, Mass., to the number of 75 visited Soley lodge of Somerville, Monday, April 17th and took the officers' stations and exemplified the work. Good work, good speeches and a banquet were the features of the evening.

"THE (London) FREEMASON," April 8th, devoted a full page to our distinguished Brother William B. Melish, grand master of the Grand Encampment, K. T., of the United States, who is about to visit England and who will attend the next meeting of the Great Priory of England and Wales, May 12th. The "Freemason" presents a good likeness of Brother Melish who is sure to win the respect and the good will of our English Fraters by his genuine worth and cordial personality.

ON invitation of Rev. R. Perry Bush, D. D., pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Chelsea, Mass., Boston Commandery, under es-

cort of Palestine Commandery of Chelsea, attended church on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, in Dr. Bush's church and listened to an excellent sermon. Dr. Bush is deeply interested in Templar Masonry. He is grand prelate of the Grand Commandery, K. T., Massachusetts and Rhode Island and past Commander of Palestine Commandery.

Palestine Commandery had 75 men in line. Eminent Sir Allen H. Legg, eminent commander; James S. Harrower, generalissimo; Howard Walker, captain general wore the white cloaks with a passion cross on the left breast.

John R. Smith, adjt., was in charge of the procession. Eminent Sirs William Robinson and Charles H. Faunce were the past commanders in the parade.

Boston Commandery had 225 men in line. Eminent Jesse E. Ames, eminent commander was in command. And the others of the council present were Leonard W. Ross, G., and Frederic C. Graves, CG. The past commanders on hand were Eminent Sirs Eugene A. Holton, John H. Bowker, Richard A. Atwood, Charles S. Damrell and James S. Blake. Joseph T. Paul, senior warden was in charge of the lines.

Boston Commandery had as special guest, Rt. Eminent Sir J. Albert Blake, grand commander; Right Eminent Sir Herbert F. Morse, grand treasurer; Eminent Sir Fletcher K. Tirrell of St. Omer and William H. L. Odell of St. Bernard Commandery.

The Church was filled by the commanderies and their friends. The pulpit stood amid a wealth of lilies, carnations and palms, and they made a handsome setting, guarded by the banners, beauseants and colors of the two commanderies.

Dr. Bush extended a cordial welcome to the commanderies. His address, the larger part of which will be found in another place, concluded with the words: "And when our warfare on earth is over may it be granted us to rightly answer the warden's challenge at the gate of heaven and to be seated with the princes and rulers in the courts of the Father above—May the God of our Fathers protect you and speed you on your way."

The special music was of a high order. It was by a chorus choir and the 13 women forming part were gowned in white. Among

the numbers was a solo and chorus "Easter Bells Are Ringing." Miss Lena Streeter contributed a solo, Miss Kate Thomas, violinist, assisted. Miss Louise S. Currier, organist, was the director.

As the Templars filed out each grasped the hand of Grand Prelate Bush. The party then proceeded to the asylum of Palestine commandery, where there was a lunch.

It gives us pleasure to note, in "The Freemason" of April 15th, the opinion that our late Brother Sereno D. Nickerson of Boston was "undoubtedly the most able writer and reliable authority on Masonic history of North America." "The Freemason" confirms its good opinion by presenting an article in which Brother Nickerson declares that St. John's lodge of Boston is the oldest in the country.

It was a real Tufts college night in Washington lodge, Roxbury, Thursday, April 13th with a little bit of Mystic Shrine atmosphere around the edge. The first interest originated in the fact that five students of Tufts received the final honors of the blue lodge, and when the last of the group came Rev. F. W. Hamilton, president of the college and past master of Washington, officiated. He was assisted by Rt. Wor. William D. T. Trefry, PDGM., a past master of Philanthropic, of Tufts '78, as senior warden, Rev. James H. Holden of the class of '84 was the chaplain, and others of the college who took part were: Charles A. Bachelder of Washington, E. A. Larrabee of United Brethren, and Will C. Harvey of Blazing Star (Vermont) undergraduates.

Two of the aspirants are sons of a member of Aleppo temple of the Mystic Shrine and the exemplification for them was conducted by Past Master Charles A. Estey of Mt. Tabor and Charles C. Henry of Meridian, potentate and past potentate, respectively, of Aleppo. Past Masters Herbert B. Morse and Arthur H. Frost presided at the introduction of the other two, the second named having the satisfaction of receiving his son. Past Master Hamilton delivered the charge. Prof. C. E. Chase of the college faculty and Frank D. North, a graduate, as well as a number of others from the institution were in attendance.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSISTORY A. A. S. R., has issued a handsome and complete program of the Forty-seventh Annual Fast Day Convention at Nashua, April 25 and 27. The cover presents a likeness of George W. Currier, 33°, deputy. There is also an interior view of the new Colonial Theatre, the property of New Hampshire Consistory.

MT. VERNON R. A. Chapter of Roxbury, Mass., provided a lot of fun and a charming entertainment for its members, ladies and friends, April 15-16 by a minstrel show, dance and supper. The affair came off in Whiton hall and was highly successful socially and financially.

The program was admirably arranged. It was printed neatly and bore the likeness of High Priest John W. Bosworth. On the cover there was an engraving of Mt. Vernon, the home of Washington, from which the chapter derived its name. This engraving was made by Comp. Frank Hendry from a photograph personally taken by another member of the chapter, Comp. Sherburne N. Miller.

JOHN McLANE, former governor of New Hampshire and, as chief executive of the State, host of the Russian-Japanese envoys at the time of the signing of the peace treaty of Portsmouth, died at Southern Pines, N. C., April 13th.

John McLane was born in Lennoxton, Scotland, Feb. 27, 1852, and went to Manchester, N. H., as a youth, where he was educated in the public schools. Later he went to Milford and learned the trade of a cabinet maker. About thirty-five years ago he secured control of a Milford industry manufacturing post office furniture and equipments and holding also valuable patents. For many years he controlled the output of much of the post office furniture used throughout the country. He was president of the Souhegan National Bank.

After filling other important political offices he was elected governor in 1905 and served one term, during which time he extended the hospitality of the State to the Russian-Japanese envoys for the holding of the peace conference, which was eventually held at Portsmouth. He was a 33° Mason

and had been grand master of Masons in New Hampshire.

Mr. McLane was a benevolent employer to his workmen, and employees unable to work on account of sickness were paid for months until they were able to return to the factory. He was greatly esteemed by all who knew him and his death is sincerely mourned in Milford.

ILL. ADAM WEIR, grand captain of the Grand Council R. and S. M., of Massachusetts, made an official visitation to Medford Council, Thursday, April 20th, and presented 12 diplomas to past presiding officers of that body. Medford Council is the home council of Ill. Comp. Weir and he was received in a most cordial manner.

WILLIAM PARKMAN COMMANDERY of East Boston, attended divine service Easter and listened to a sermon by Rev. Alfred E. Wright.

VETERANS' night was observed by Natick Commandery, K. T., Natick, Mass., Thursday, April 20th.

The roll was called by Recorder Ferguson and there were responses in person by more than 100 members. Letters and telegrams were read from many at a distance who were unable to attend.

To the sentiment "Our Deceased Fraters" Past Commander Henry responded with much feeling and the quartet sang "The Vacant Chair." The records of the first conclave, April 12, 1871, were read, and extracts from the minutes in later years. They created the deepest interest.

It gives us pleasure to call attention to the fact that the enterprise for erecting a Masonic Temple in Jerusalem is progressing and bids fair to become a success. The promoters of the plan urge that it is most fitting that Masonry should be represented in Jerusalem by a temple modeled after that erected by King Solomon, the traditional first Grand Master of the craft. Thousands of brothers visiting the Holy City would take more than ordinary interest in such a building, and seek within its walls, amid the mystic rites of their brotherhood, a better acquaintance with and

a closer friendship for one another. It would give us a feeling of pride at home and a greater prominence and character abroad.—Journal.

GRAND High Priest Charles Dana Burrage of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts continues to devote a large share of his time to the duties of his office.

March 13th he made a fraternal visit to St. Mathew's Chapter, South Boston. He was attended by a suite of active members of the rite. He was cordially welcomed by Charles M. Hamburger, high priest of the chapter. March 14th the grand high priest was present at an exemplification of the degrees in the hall of Bancroft Chapter at Ayer.

The ceremonies were conducted by Bancroft, Thomas Chapter of Fitchburg and Clinton Chapter of Clinton.

March 16th the Grand High Priest was greeted in Somerville Chapter. A large number of members were present. He was warmly received by High Priest Smith, to whom he responded with fitting words. afterwards he addressed the chapter at length.

CHARLES DANA BURRAGE, grand high priest, attended the district exemplification of the degrees at Springfield, Mass., Thursday, April 20th. The work was under the direction of Charles W. Delano, grand lecturer. The Chapters taking part were: Unity of Chicopee Falls, Hampden of Palmer, Mt. Holyoke of Holyoke, Evening Star of Westfield and Morning Star of Springfield.

"CAFE CONCERT" is the latest fashion for a Ladies' Night. It was inaugurated in Cambridge Commandery, K. T., Cambridge, Mass., Friday, April 21st, and gave enjoyment to a company of 200. The exhibition hall was arranged with tables seating groups of four. The hall was tastefully decorated. The concert was by 15 members of the Boston opera orchestra and occupied two hours. Dancing completed the exercises of the evening. The executive committee was headed by Eminent Commander Charles R. Putnam.

Most Worshipful Dana J. Flanders, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,

with a suite of distinguished brethren visited Rabboni lodge, Dorchester, Thursday, April 20th. Before Worshipful Master George C. Thacher had an opportunity of extending the formal greeting, the lodge evinced its gratification over the visit by a round of applause, which the presiding officer enlarged upon by voice.

At a later stage Grand Master Flanders made official announcement of the dedication of the Masonic home this month, preceding the statement with an account of the financial situation of the institution. Past Grand Master Blake referred with satisfaction to the home, for it was under his regime that the undertaking was put upon a sound basis. After Grand Sec. Davis related several anecdotes he applied one to the great principle of charity as carried out by the fraternity.

There were bouquets for the grand master and grand marshal, and then the adjournment for a collation.

LAFAYETTE G. BLAIR, deputy grand commander, made an official inspection of Natick, Mass., Commandery, Wednesday, April 12th. The conclave was the beginning of the 40th Anniversary of the Commandery. Past Commander Twitchell gave a welcome to the guests and recited some of the interesting events that had occurred during the history of the Commandery. When it was started there were 14 charter members, not one is living. There are now more than 200 members. Among those present were Edward P. Butler, the first to send in his application to the commandery, and George A. Reed, the first to sign the by-laws, both were greeted heartily.

At the banquet James F. Higgins presided. There were a large number of prominent members of the order on the suite of the inspecting officer.

THE annual "Ladies' Night" of Bethesda lodge, Brighton, Mass., was observed at Whiting hall, Brookline, Tuesday, March 28th.

About 250 brethren and ladies had five hours of solid delight. There was a banquet, then the Criterion club presented the three-act farce, "Jane," and after this there was dancing until midnight. James H. Dalton is the worshipful master, and the special guest was George C. Flett, district deputy grand master of the fifth Masonic district.



May Pole Dance

"LADIES' NIGHT" in Masonic bodies are sometimes handled with such perfection of detail, and the entertainment features with so much artistic ability, that the functions rank with those of professional artists rather than those of amateurs. We are reminded of this fact by the excellent entertainment provided by Dorchester Royal Arch Chapter, Dorchester, Mass., on May 1st, which was among the finest ever witnessed in that vicinity.

The success of the entertainment was largely due to the able management of Companion George M. Rogers, who had devoted much time in preparing for the event. One evidence of his attention is shown in the elegant program, with its novel receptacle for the dance orders. Each lady who attended was

presented an elegant May basket, made of brass, with a red streamer upon the handle.

An unexpected incident of a happy nature was the bestowal of a silver cigarette case, gold lined, upon George M. Rogers, who has devoted much time to the duties of stage manager. The high priest, Frank B. Crane, officiated for his associates in the presentation. The gift bears the monogram of Mr. Rogers, and on the opposite side the inscription, "Presented by Dorchester R. A. chapter, May 1, 1911."

There was a stage show that occupied two hours. Earl Scamman and Wirt B. Phillips contributed vocal numbers; Walter M. Jackson, feats of magic; George T. Wiley and George E. P. Russell (in a female part), showed "modern" ventriloquism; Arthur E.

Rogerson, in highland costume, was heard in a group of Lauder songs; Henry L. Nuremburg, female impersonator, in songs and dances; Herbert W. Drew gave a study of bells, which proved a parody on words, while Frank P. Gardner and Herbert W. Burr presented an interpretation of second sight and mind reading.

The chapter quartet, Walter I. Hodson, Harry J. Baker, Frederick C. Spargo and Frank A. Gibson, introduced an original sketch, in which were sung "Bee on the Wall" and "Old Oaken Bucket"—the latter being illustrated in a decidedly novel way. "The Middle Chamber" showed a supposed lodge room, wherein a candidate was put through a severe trial. Charles C. DeLappe, Charles E. Lamb and E. C. Felton were the participants.

As it was a May party, the maypole dance was reserved for the climax and it was extremely funny. The eight who wound the ribbons were Arthur E. Rogers, Frank P. Gardner, Charles C. DeLappe, Charles E. Lamb, Harry J. Barker, Frank A. Gibson, Harry L. Nuremburg and George E. P. Russell. There was music by an orchestra.

There was a collation and nearly two hours of dancing, the order being in the form of a keystone.



George M. Rogers

THE Tyler-Keystone has been publishing comments on American Freemasonry by G. W. Speth, a prominent English Mason, under the caption, "As the English See Us." After alluding to some of the peculiar legislation of American lodges and Grand Lodges, some of which reflect on the personal liberty of members of lodges, particularly in the matter of temperance and the dispensing of charity, he hits the case exactly by saying: "In view of your insatiable appetite for more and even more legislation, I really fear that, monstrous as this doctrine is, it may sooner or later win its way to general adoption." Referring again to the matter with something of an apology for showing us up he says: "With all its faults, and I have pointed out a good many such according to our way of thinking, American Masonry must be a grand institution to be capable of impressing upon its members such sentiments as we are accustomed to listen to when an American Mason visits our lodges, and 'orates after dinner.' Its chiefest fault, I verily believe, is an itching mania to be always legislating about something or other." . . . "I think it was Prime Minister Lord Melbourne at the beginning of his reign who, when he was asked, 'What shall we do about so and so?' used to reply, 'Can't we let it alone?' Now, can not you Americans let Freemasonry alone for a space and see how it gets on without any more tinkering with the laws and constitution?"

RT. EM. WILLIAM H. H. SOULE, past grand commander of the grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and personal representative of Grand Master William B. Melish of the grand encampment of the United States, attended the annual conclave of the grand commandery of Maine at Portland, May 4th. Em. Henry H. Litchfield, past commander of Boston commandery, and grand lecturer of the grand commandery, accompanied him as acting grand warder. There was a large number of Maine sir knights in attendance.

ALL SORTS

In yonder wood sweet ferns unroll their fronds,
The happy streamlets murmur as they flow,
The flashing fish jump in the quiet ponds;
All things are waking on the earth below.
—*From May Farm Journal.*

"What's a coroner?" asked a Maine teacher of a class of bright boys, and little Johnny's hand came up quick. "Well, Johnny, will you tell us what a coroner is?"
"A coroner is a man who gives a death certificate in cases where people die without the aid of a physician."
—*The Looker-On.*

Casey's wife was at the hospital, where she had undergone a serious operation a few days before.

Mrs. Kelly called to inquire as to Mrs. Casey's condition.
"Is she restin' quietly?" Mrs. Kelly asked.
"No; but I am," said Casey.

What is a Socialist, you ask;
This, perhaps, will make it clear:
One who'll divide with you his thirst,
If you'll divide your beer.

Teacher (to new scholar) "How does it happen that your name is Allen and your mother's name is Brown?"

Little Lad (after a moment's thought)—
"Well, you see, it's this way. She married again and I didn't."
—*Jessie Warrington in Woman's Home Companion for March.*

Reporter—"Say, do you know what becomes of office boys who use such terrible language?"

Office Boy—"Sure! Dey grows up ter be city editors."

Musician (after much pressing)—"Well, all right, since you insist. What shall I play?"

Host—"Anything you like. It's only to annoy our neighbors."
—*London Opinion.*

Mrs. Long—"What would you do if your husband should join a club?"

Mrs. Strong—"I would buy one."

—*Boston Transcript.*

"I thank you for the flowers you sent," she said;

And she smiled and blushed and drooped her head.

"I'm sorry for the words I spoke last night; Your sending the flowers proved you were right—

Forgive me."

He forgave her.

And as they walked and talked beneath the bowers

He wondered who it was sent her those flowers.

She—"This is Maude's third husband, and they all bore the name William."

He—"You don't say so! Why, the woman is a regular Bill collector."

She—"They say that an apple a day will keep the doctor away."

He—"Why stop there? An onion a day will keep everybody away."

—*Milwaukee Sentinel.*

"My husband has given me a diamond necklace."

"My! My! What was it you caught him doing?"

—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

"Go to father," she said, when I asked her to wed,

And she knew that I knew that her father was dead;

And she knew that I knew what a life he had led,

And she knew that I knew what she meant when she said:

"Go to father!"

She (sentimentally)—"Are you not touched by beautiful poetry?"

He—"No, but I am frequently touched by unbeautiful poets."

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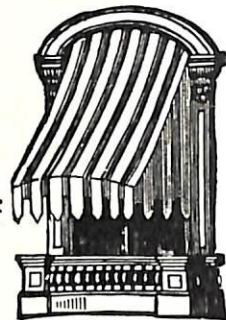
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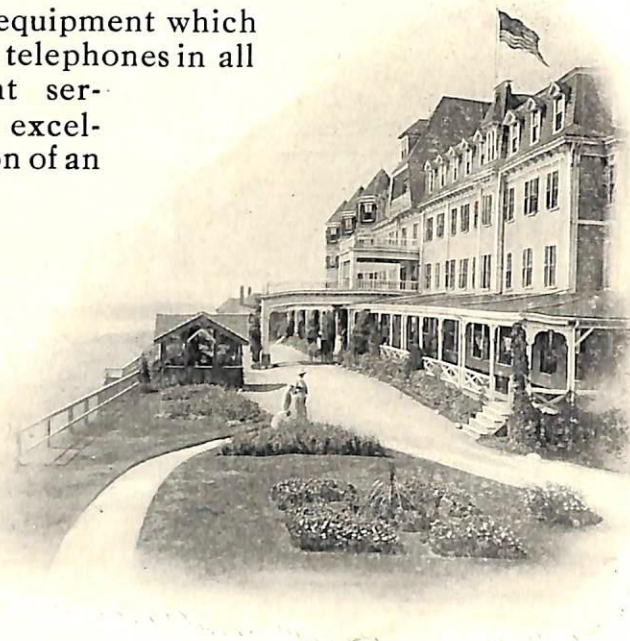
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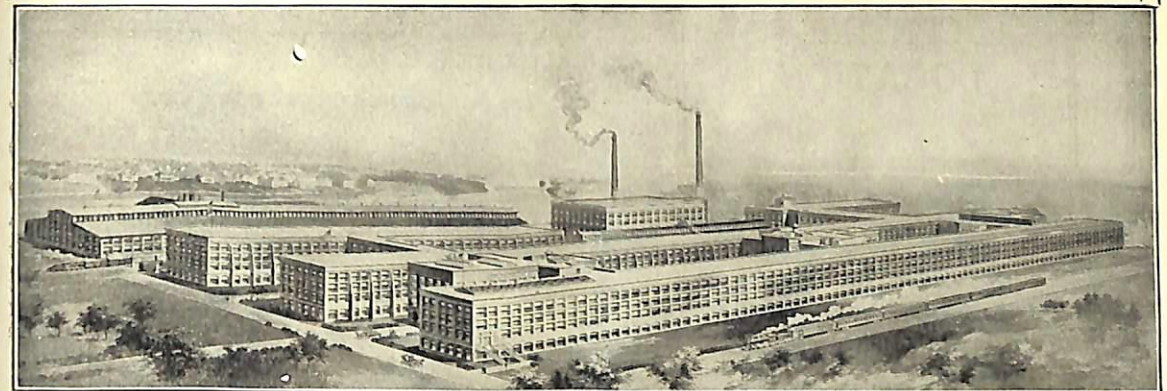
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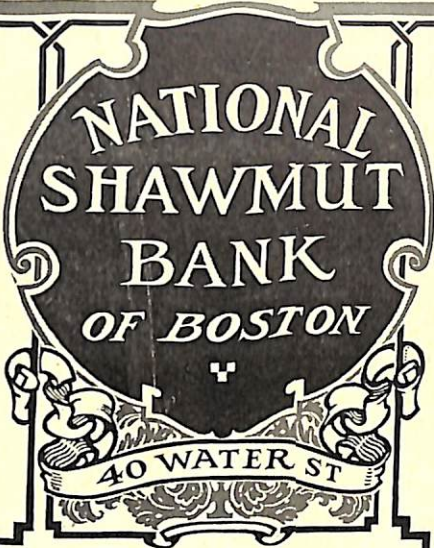
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